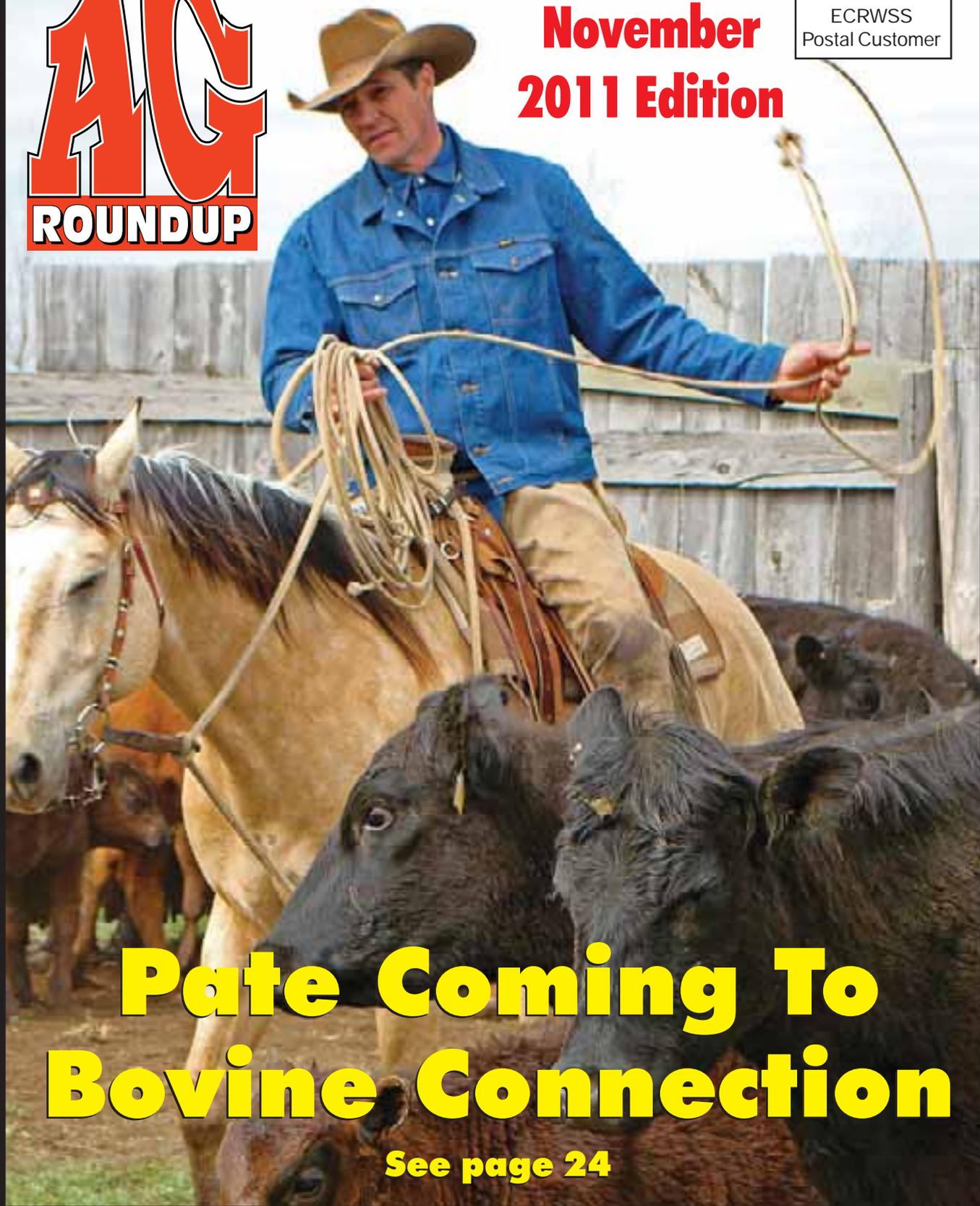


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Bovine Connection Set For Dec 1-2

By Lois Kerr

This year's Bovine Connection, scheduled for Thursday and Friday Dec. 1-2 at the MSU EARC and Extension building meeting room, Sidney, promises to provide an interesting program, complete with a variety of pertinent information for cattlemen and agribusiness people. Committee members have worked hard to provide a quality program for those who attend. Richland County Extension Agent Tim Fine points out that people will certainly benefit by attending this year's event.



"The committee has obtained top notch, nationally known speakers for this event," Fine remarks. "We will offer a diverse program that includes everything from genetics and nutrition to people management to the generation gap to the discussion of the promotion of free market principles."

He adds, "We will cover a lot of topics during the two-day event."

The Bovine Connection event begins with a 9:30 a.m. registration and welcome on Dec. 1 at the new Extension office building meeting room, North Central Avenue. Presentations begin at 10 a.m., with Steve Dittmer, Agribusiness Freedom Foundation, talking on preserving free market principles. At 10:30 a.m., Bill Price will talk on global trade, followed at 11 a.m. by Charlene Rich, Montana Beef Council, discussing the agricultural alliance.

Following a noon lunch, presentations begin with John Paterson, Montana State University, discussing

cattle response and behavior in relation to mineral supplements on pasture. A talk on implants will follow, and the day's educational sessions will end with an extremely important talk by Curt Pate, NCBA, on stress free livestock handling.

The Thursday session of the Bovine Connection will finish up with a banquet held at the Sidney Country Club beginning at 5 p.m. with a social followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Steve Dittmer will give the address following dinner.

The Friday, Dec. 2 session of the Bovine Connection reconvenes at 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning at the Extension office meeting room. At 10 a.m., Robin Thorstenson, Bismarck State College program manager and trainer, will discuss the power of persuasion. At 11 a.m., Jim Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center, will talk about the market update and outlook. Willy Altenberg will finish the morning sessions with an A.I. industry update.

Following a 12:45 p.m. lunch, afternoon sessions lead off with a discussion on DNA testing, followed by the return of Robin Thorstenson to talk about generational issues. Bill Bowman, AGI president, will wrap it all up and tie together the information presented at the two-day session.

"We have an excellent program lined up," Fine concludes. "I invite all cattle people, cattle industry people, and those interested in the cattle business to attend this two-day event."

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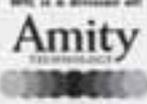
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Dittmer To Speak At Bovine Connection

By Lois Kerr

Bovine Connection organizers have invited Steve Dittmer, Agribusiness Freedom Foundation, to speak at the Thursday, Dec. 1 session of the Bovine Connection, scheduled at the Extension office building meeting room, North Central Avenue, Sidney, and also to present the address at the Thursday night banquet scheduled for the Sidney Country Club. Dittmer will discuss free marketing and the preservation of free market options.

"We promote free market principles throughout the food chain," Dittmer comments. "We aren't just promoting cow calf production or packers, but rather the entire chain all the way through to the plate. The more free market options and the less government involvement we have, the better it will be for everyone."

He continues, "We want to preserve as many options as possible for cattlemen, whether they sell calves every Tuesday at the auction barn or whether they want to participate in an alliance. Cattlemen should be able to choose from many options."

Dittmer points out that many proposals that will affect cattlemen sit on the table in Congress, many of which would remove innovations and options for the cattle industry. "People claim to be victims of free enterprise, but they aren't," Dittmer says. "We need to be armed with the correct facts. A lot of folks who are basic free market people know what others say isn't true, but they need more information to

refute the false information already out there."

He continues, "A USDA proposal would change a lot of the branded beef programs and make it more difficult for cattlemen and prohibit them from selling contracts. These are options that cattlemen need to retain."

Dittmer urges people to become more involved, to learn the facts, spread the word, and be part of the solution. "Politics and economics are not always of interest to many folks, but economics is the study of human behavior, so people need facts," Dittmer comments.

He continues, "Many people are not happy with the direction government is going. We can't sit back and say 'Let George do it' because that is the reason we have problems today. People are busy, they have a business and a family and they feel they don't have time to mess with politics, but that's how we ended up with what we have today, a government that oversees and manages. The Tea Party people may not be perfect, but they did prove that individuals can have an impact and it proves that the power of the vote has not gone away."

Dittmer believes that rural folks need to educate their neighbors about what they do on the farm and ranch, and why they do it. This will help preserve the free market principles with many viable options. "The free market has been good to agriculture over the long run, but when government gets involved it alters pricing and messes up the system," Dittmer comments.

Dittmer, who has been with the Agribusiness Freedom Foundation since 2004, serves as the executive vice president of the foundation. He delivers facts, analyses and opinions on beef industry economics and politics. Dittmer provides this information through the e-mail newsletter AFF Sentinel. "AFF's mission is to be blunt about ignored facts, distortions, emotion-driven illogic and the real agendas of demagogues attempting to 'reform' the beef industry," Dittmer notes. "AFF favors free market solutions, preserving all possible options, innovations and coordination among industry sectors."

He adds, "I serve as the public face for cattlemen and other segments of the beef industry."

Dittmer grew up on a cattle operation in Ohio, so he has involved himself with the beef industry his entire life. He has worked with voluntary and mandatory check-offs, coordinated a successful Nebraska national beef referendum campaign, and has served on national committees that developed the Beef Industry Council's first national television advertising campaign.

Dittmer has visited hundreds of ranches and feed yards around the country.

Dittmer will present an interesting informative talk at the Bovine Connection.



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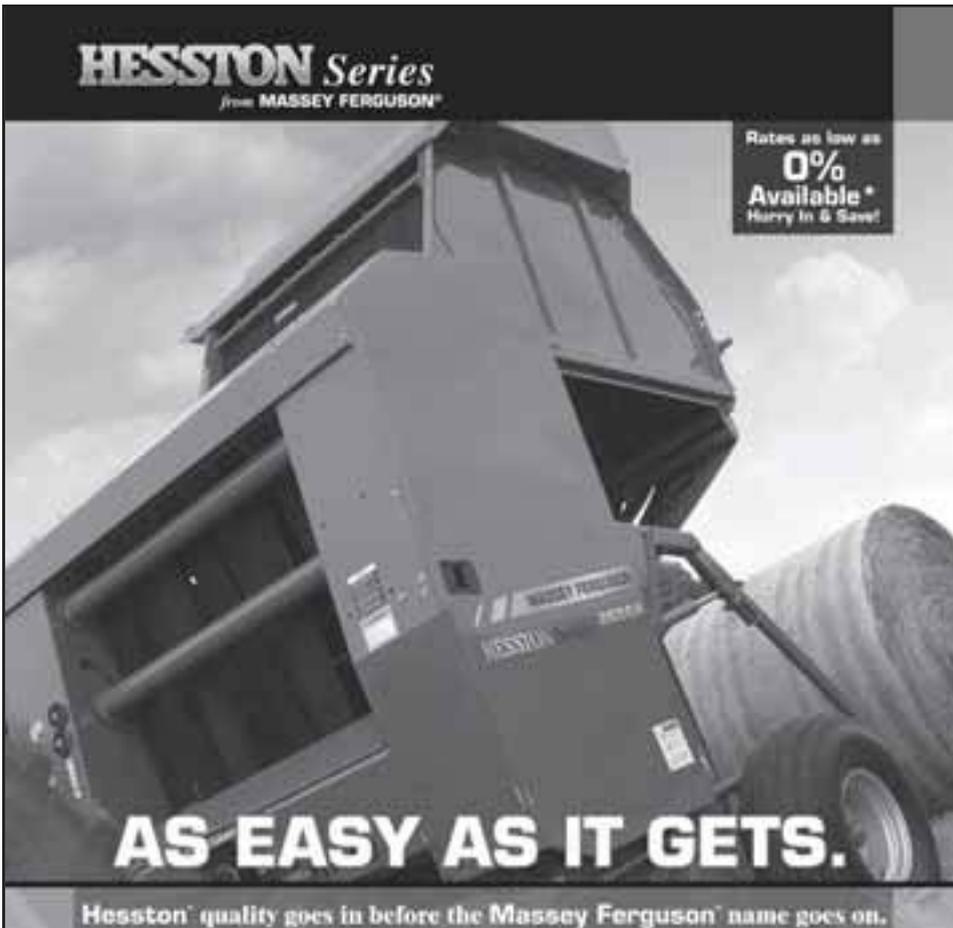
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MRCDC Conducts Tours

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The MRCDC provides leadership, assistance and guidance to conservation districts along the Missouri River Corridor, their goal is to share perspectives, solve problems and exchange information on Missouri River resource management. In this light the Lower Missouri Coordinated Resource Management (LoMo CRM), the conservation districts representing the four counties below the Fort Peck Reservoir, Richland, Roosevelt, McCone and Valley counties hosted a tour for the group. Dick Iversen, LoMo CRM chairman, and Richland County's representative to the MRCDC along with Julie Goss, LoMo CRM coordinator, organized the tour.

Representatives of MRCDC, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Natural Resource and Conservation service (NRCS) along with congressional representatives were given a firsthand look at the various issues the area is facing due to the oil development and the results of the recent flooding that occurred this summer

below Fort Peck Dam.

The tour began with a look at the man camp and truck parking area being built north of Bainville. Garth Harmon, Blaze Enterprises, explained the steps necessary to set up a man camp. One of the workers graciously allowed the group to view his home away from home.

The next stop took the group to an oil well drilling site, for many of the attendees this was their first chance to see a rig up close. The group ventured into Richland County, where a local resident, Jim Carlisle, explained his water depot and the process involved in securing a permit to market water. Russ Huotari, Richland County road supervisor, discussed the various methods Richland County is using to try and improve the county gravel roads. Hopefully, these methods will give the roads some sustainability for years to come. Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric told the group about the demand for power an oil boom brings to an area, through electrification of oil wells to electrical hook ups for man camps and RV parks. Attendees also got a first hand look at Cody Saboe's newly opened scoria pit and heard about the permits that are necessary for open mining in Montana. They ended the tour checking out the results of the flooding



MRCDC conducted a tour along the Missouri River Corridor recently. Attendees (L to R): Buzz Mattelin, Roosevelt County CD, Jim Beck, Broadwater County CD; and Tom Pick, NRCS Bozeman tour a scoria pit.

on the Missouri River, land with heavy silt that will require extra work in order for it to be productive again. Thousands of tiny cottonwoods, ash and willows trees growing along the flooded riparian areas were an eye opener. Tom Pick, NRCS, explained the upcoming incentive programs available to encourage landowners to leave the trees growing. Continuous CRP, EQIP and the Wetland Reserve Program are available to landowners. If anyone is interested in these programs contact your local NRCS or FSA Office. The group returned to Culbertson for supper and the Missouri River Conservation District Council quarterly meeting.

Other topics the group is working on include the FWP Interim Translocation of Bison and the Eurasian Milfoil infestations occurring on the Missouri River.



Dick Iversen, MRCCDC chairman, explains to Laurie Riley, MRCCDC coordinator, Karl Christians, DNRC, Helena; and Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control, about the flooding on the Missouri.

Market Update, Projections On Tap For Bovine Connection

By Lois Kerr

Bovine Connection organizers have invited Jim Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center director, (LMIC) to give a talk during the Friday, Dec. 2 session of the Bovine Connection concerning the LMIC market update and projection. Robb will speak at 11 a.m. at the Extension office facility meeting room, North Central Avenue, Sidney.

Robb will discuss issues in the livestock markets and explain how these issues interconnect and affect the entire marketplace.

"We are seeing record high calf prices, we've had the worst drought in the U.S. southern plains that we've seen for the past 100 years, so the dynamics have changed," Robb remarks. "We have a weak domestic economy, other issues are impacting us, and all these factors are mixed together and affect one another."

He continues, "Every day we face new market related challenges and opportunities, and they all have an influ-

ence on how we produce beef. BSE, interest rates, and other issues affect this mix. We are undergoing changing times, and I will provide updates for everyone."

Robb has served as director of the LMIC since 1997.

The LMIC, a cooperative effort that has provided economic analyses and market projections concerning the livestock industry since 1955, continuously updates forecasts, projections and support materials related to market situations and outlooks. A cooperative effort among state land grant universities, USDA economists, industry cooperators, and the Center staff, the LMIC contributes to economic education, supports applied research projects, and policy evaluation. "Our goals are to support education, research, ad outreach efforts," Robb says.





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COMMON GROUND

Pesticide Education Classes Offered

By Lois Kerr

The Richland County Extension office, in cooperation with extension agents from adjoining counties and other professionals, will host two evening pesticide classes on Nov. 15-17 at the new extension building on North Central Avenue. The classes will enable people to obtain necessary pesticide points to remain current with their applicators licenses. Those who attend both classes will earn a total of four points.

"People need to have points to keep their licenses current," says Richland County Extension Agent Tim Fine. "We were unable to host the regional pesticide meetings held last month, so this is our way of attempting to offer pesticide credits to those who need them."

The first evening class, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15, will cover pesticide safety. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with four scheduled presentations. Attendees will learn how to navigate the Montana Private Applicator website. Fred Whiford, Purdue pesticide specialist, will discuss how to test storage tanks and sprayer tanks for structural integrity, and Ken Nelson, McCone County extension agent, will talk about pesticide storage and security.

Following a short break, Diana DeYoung, Montana Department of Agriculture, will discuss USDA recordkeeping requirements for private applicators. Shelly Mills, Valley County extension agent, will finish out the evening presentations with a discussion on pesticide movement in the environment.

The second evening of classes, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Richland County Extension building, North Central Avenue, begins with a 5:30 p.m. welcome and will focus on weeds, diseases and insects. The first of the five sessions will be a repeat of the Tuesday night session, with a discussion on navigating the Montana Private Applicator website. Following this presentation, Dr. Mary Burrows, extension plant pathologist, will discuss via a recorded session the problematic plant diseases in 2011 and their control. Following this recorded session, attendees will hear another recorded

session by Dr. Kevin Wanner, extension entomologist, on insect issues in crop fields and their control.

Following a short break, attendees will hear a session on prevention management of herbicide resistance, followed by a discussion given by USDA/ARS Botanist John Gaskin, Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab, Sidney. Gaskin will discuss the bio-control successes and failures at the ARS.

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"Because farmers and ranchers have some very unique transition issues, these sessions are geared to their specific needs," says Willie Huot, Grand Forks County NDSU Extension Service agent and state coordinator. "The major increase in asset values, especially land, in the last several years has made this topic even more critical."

The sessions will have a combination of presentations through the North Dakota Interactive Video Network and from local experts at each location. "It is very important that people attend all three sessions," Huot says.

Topics for the first session include why people should plan an estate, who should be involved, what materials will be needed and the importance of communications among family members. The presenter is Gary Goreham, rural sociology professor in the NDSU Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

The second session will cover farm business arrangements, including the pros and cons of different types of business organizations for farmers and ranchers in North Dakota.

The third session will address farm succession planning, plus the tax and economic consequences of asset transfer strategies. The presenter for these sessions is Andy Zenk, AgCountry/Farm Credit Services agribusiness consultant, Grand Forks.

The registration fee is \$55 for individuals and \$15 each for spouses or business associates (up to two additional) if postmarked by Nov. 9. After that date, individual registrations will increase to \$75. Registration fees include materials and refreshments.

For further information contact Mary Froelich, Williams County Extension Agent, at 701-577-4595. Registration forms, as well as online registration, are available at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject>. Click on Farm/Ranch Transition Planning and then the Transition Planning Registration Form at the bottom of the page.



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Communicating Effectively Part Of Bovine Connection Presentations



Robin Thorstenson

By Lois Kerr

Difficulties in communicating with others can lead to problems and misunderstandings. Getting your message understood, dealing with people of a different generation, and effectively airing viewpoints can present challenges for many of us. Times change, fashions change and attitudes change from year to year and from generation to generation, sometimes mak-

ing it difficult to bridge gaps. When four generations live and work together, it is critical to maintain good communications and understanding among all family members. As well, in this world of anti-agriculture, it is also imperative to know how to persuade and convince others on an idea or the value of an idea. The ability to talk effectively is a skill that people can learn.

To address a few aspects of communication, Bovine Connection organizers have invited Robin Thorstenson, Bismarck State College program manager and trainer, to present two different talks during the Friday, Dec. 2 session of the Bovine Connection. Thorstenson will give a talk on the power of persuasion at 10 a.m. and then will speak again at 2:15 p.m. on Friday afternoon to discuss generational issues. Both presentations will be held at the MSU EARC and Extension Center facility meeting room, North Central Avenue, Sidney.

Persuasion means influencing others and this skill can be learned. "Persuasion is a science, not an art," says Thorstenson. "To influence others to take action or to agree to your request doesn't require a glib tongue. It requires understanding why others behave the way they do. I will present the science behind effective persuasion and will share ten subtle and not so subtle ways to persuade others to take action, to comply with a policy, or to say 'yes' to your request."

At her afternoon session on generational issues, Thorstenson will again present valuable information that can help a multigenerational business work together more effectively and harmoniously.

"I will help people discover how they can work side by side with four generations while drawing from a rich mixture of skills and experience," says Thorstenson. "Participants will gain an understanding of what defines a generation and

will examine how different generations view teamwork, rewards, authority and job change."

Thorstenson, a trainer and facilitator for the division of continuing education at Bismarck State College for the past six years, has experience working in nonprofit, government, and in healthcare in a variety of roles ranging from recruiter to nonprofit director. Thorstenson is certified to deliver courses within the learning systems of Development Dimension International. She also facilitates mentoring program training. She combines practical applications with the latest trends to create a positive learning experience.

Plan to attend both Thorstenson's sessions, scheduled during the Bovine Connection Event.

Income Tax Management Program For Ag Producers Set For Nov. 18

A tax management program will be offered to agricultural producers and tax preparers from 9 a.m.-noon CST on Friday, Nov. 18, at 11 interactive video sites in North Dakota.

The North Dakota State University Extension Service and Internal Revenue Service are sponsoring the program.

It will feature presentations by Ann Makres, IRS; Steve Eckroth, Eide Bailly, Bismarck; Brenda Laub, CPA, Valley City; Steve Troyer, Eide Bailly, Fargo; and Andy Swenson, NDSU farm management specialist.

Experts will provide federal income tax updates and tax management alternatives while there is still time to implement year-end tax management decisions.

Topics include: * Tax planning tuneup; * IRS issues, * 1099s, * Payroll, * Depreciation,* Using LLPs, * Domestic production deduction,* Beginning farmer incentives.

A session on year-end tax planning will provide an overview of when to accelerate or defer income in conjunction with expense timing and income averaging to manage tax liabilities now and into the future.

Four question-and-answer periods are scheduled during the three-hour program. Pre-registration is required because seating is limited. The cost for the program and materials is \$12.

Interactive video sites for the program are Bismarck State College; School for the Deaf, Devils Lake; Bottineau County Courthouse, Bottineau; Dickinson State University; NDSU, Fargo; Grand Forks County Office Building, Grand Forks; James Valley Career and Technology Center, Jamestown; Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton; Williams County Courthouse, Williston; and NDSU Research Extension Centers in Minot and Langdon.

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Harvest Festival Photo Contest Winner



Winner of the *Women in Agriculture: The Unsung Heroes of the Farm* photo contest was Sherri Hardy of Fairview, MT. Pictured from left to right are Anne Sheng, Chelsea Theiler, Chelsea Hoover, Cindy Berzel, Kaitlyn Hardy, Sherri Hardy and Amanda Kelly. They were the crew that helped clean up the rollover and get the truck back on the road.

Women An Integral Part Of Hardy Operation

By Lois Kerr

Sherri Hardy, Fairview, snapped the photo which won The Roundup's Women in Agriculture photo contest. As the picture demonstrates, women play an important role on the Hardy farm, particularly during harvest. Hardy explains that family and friends of both sexes all chip in to help out during the busy sugarbeet season. Without women, the Hardys would have a difficult time completing harvest.

"We draw from family, friends and retired people to complete harvest," explains Hardy. "My sister is a flight attendant and she takes the month of October off to help drive and to clean up the labor houses after harvest. My mother comes from Missouri and cooks, cleans, does the laundry and goes for parts. My mother-in-law runs from field to field and marks the entrances and exits and the culverts, and she also marks the bad turns on the road with cones and flags so truck drivers know where to go. My brother-in-law is a pilot but he takes the month off to help, my dad drives, and nieces and nephews all help."

She continues, "We have three daughters and they all take part in the operation. They drive tractor and haul barley and irrigate all summer, doing what needs done. Our oldest daughter attends the University of Mary and she came home three weekends in October to help with harvest, and two of those weekends she brought friends home with her to help. It would be a lot more difficult to farm without the assistance of women and our daughters. Everyone plays a part, and everyone knows what they have to do to get the job done."

Life gets quite hectic when sugarbeet harvest arrives. Hardy hires the truck drivers while her husband, Dave, hires the field crews. Hardy will hire women drivers whenever

possible. "We have ten trucks on the road 24 hours a day during sugarbeet harvest," she remarks. "We need a lot of drivers. I generally hire 20-22 drivers, depending on who can do what. Usually I hire six or seven women every year. Women drivers tend to be more cautious and careful, so if a woman can drive and wants to work, I hire her."

This year, as the photograph points out, the Hardys did have a tip-over accident and yes, a qualified woman with a CDL was driving, but the accident was not her fault, and fortunately no one got hurt. "This wasn't our first-ever accident," Hardy comments. "The accident happened about a half mile from the Snowden Bridge, and that road is very narrow and washboarded with a lot of blind curves. We've lost three trucks in that half mile stretch."

She adds, "This year that road flooded in the spring and was impassible for awhile. There are still soft spots in that portion of road, plus some people in the Valley don't understand big trucks and bad roads."

Hardy's driver rounded a blind curve to find a pickup traveling in the middle of the road. The pickup failed to move over, so Hardy's driver had few options. "The pickup didn't get over," Hardy says. "Our driver could either have hit the pickup or hit the ditch, so she chose the ditch. The sides of that road just suck you in, there was a small incline in the ditch, and it caught the truck and laid it over. Thank goodness no one was hurt."

Once again, women took care of the problem of the tipped truck and spilled beets. "I ran the loader and scooped up beets, and the crew helped," Hardy concludes. "We off-loaded the beets onto another truck, and we had to pick up the last few bucket loads by hand."

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Ranchers Set Policy At North Dakota Stockmen's Association Convention

Nearly 350 cattle producers gathered in Bismarck Sept. 22-24 for the 82nd Annual North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) Convention & Trade Show, "Together, Facing the Storm", to set the direction of the state's beef cattle industry through policy discussions and development. "I'm extremely proud of the grassroots work of the NDSA," said Jason Schmidt, Medina, ND, rancher and NDSA president. "Members recognize the value of working together to identify priorities and find solutions to the storms we face in the cattle industry, and our policies are the product of that collaboration."

The NDSA policy-making process begins in the committee meetings, where members initiate, discuss and debate new and expiring resolutions. Committees include Ag Policy & Environmental Issues, Animal Health, Brand & Theft, Feeding & Marketing and Research & Education.

Safeguarding the health of the domestic herd was the theme of several animal-health-related resolutions passed or renewed at the convention. Members reinstated the Foreign Cattle Imports resolution, which opposes the importation of cattle from countries with known animal health diseases until the possibility of infecting U.S. livestock is remote and indicates that diseases traced back to imported cattle be the full responsibility and liability of the country of origin.

In an effort to maintain swift disease surveillance and diagnosis, NDSA members also passed the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory resolution, supporting program, staff and technology needs for North Dakota State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and renewed policies endorsing the Professional Student Exchange Program and the availability of more food-animal veterinarians.

To increase beef demand, NDSA members also renewed their Beef Checkoff resolution, which pledges support of the industry's promotion, research and education program and encourages an open discussion about amending the Act and Order to enhance the per-head assessment and restore the checkoff's buying power. NDSA members were instrumental in getting the national beef checkoff passed more than 25 years ago.

Members also renewed resolutions recognizing the North Dakota CattleWomen, the NDSA's auxiliary organization, for its voluntary work to build beef demand and directing some checkoff dollars be earmarked to educate teachers and their students about modern beef production and nutrition. The NDSA also called upon Congress and the Administration to develop a balanced budget through realistic spending priorities and budget cuts, but identified agricultural research and extension as critical funding priorities that should be preserved.

Under the private property rights umbrella, NDSA members passed three separate, but related, resolutions opposing wilderness and wild-and-scenic-river designations and the Antiquities Act, which allows the president to designate national monuments without Congressional approval. NDSA

members assert that such designations often result in diminished ability to graze livestock and manage those lands as the landowner sees fit and are the first step in further regulation.

NDSA members likewise reaffirmed their belief that perpetual easements evade the private property rights and hamstring the management ability of future generations in the Perpetual Easement resolution. "North Dakota cattle producers support conservation, as well as the rights of current and future generations to manage grasslands relevant to modern stewardship practices," said Schmidt. "The resolution explains that voluntary, renewable, single-generation conservation easements are far superior to those with perpetual terms and strike a more appropriate balance of values."

A series of Ag Policy & Environmental Issues resolutions focused on surface owner issues and challenges that have arisen as new technology has allowed North Dakota's substantial oil reserves to be tapped. Members passed policy supporting a fair compensation plan that better reflects the lost production of developed land, elevation of surface owner rights, enforcement of current statute and changes to the permitting process to allow for more input from townships, counties and cities in the development process to reduce infrastructure impacts. "These resolutions will help the association continue its meaningful dialogue with the energy industry and others so that we can promote the growth of both energy and agriculture in this state," Schmidt said.

In the National Grasslands Management resolution, members opposed the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Plan and called for the utilization of North-Dakota-generated and range-science-supported alternatives that promote wildlife and rangeland health without significant livestock reductions. The resolution also lends support to the idea of returning the management of the national grasslands to grass-minded agencies, as it had been previously.

The environment was the subject of a couple other new and renewed resolutions. In the Clean Water policy, members assert support for voluntary, incentive-based and locally controlled approaches to clean water. In the Endangered Species Act Risk Assessments policy, members emphasize the need for effective, common-sense tools for insect, fungi and rodent control and call for statutory changes to facilitate a more reasonable consultation process for the registration of such products. The court's recent order to cancel the federal registration of a popular prairie dog bait and a related lawsuit by environmental activist organizations were catalysts for the resolution.

A complete list of the new and renewed NDSA policies will be published in the November North Dakota Stockman magazine. The 2011 NDSA Resolution Book, which will include all policies passed in 2009, 2010 and 2011, will also be available soon and are available upon request by calling 701-223-2522.

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Harvesting Trees

By Lois Kerr

The word 'harvest' brings to mind small grains, alfalfa, sugarbeets, potatoes, legumes and the bounty from the gardens and orchards. Harvest, the seasonal reaping of any natural product, also includes lesser thought about products, including the harvest of trees for wood. Crane resident Ken Redman harvests trees and runs the logs through his small mill, producing slabs and boards of whatever dimensions he desires. He uses his end product to build anything from cabinets and trim to corrals and trailer decking.

Redman has worked with this particular mill for a long time, but just recently decided he would pursue millwork and carpentry as a paying hobby. "Dad bought this mill 20 years ago to make corral lumber," Redman remarks. "He built corrals out of cottonwood, and he used the mill to make the timbers on the house he built. I helped him with the mill, so I've been working with it for a long time."

He continues, "A few years ago, I decided to try this again. I like working with wood, and I knew the oil field was not the place where I wanted to spend the rest of my life, so I got the mill from my dad. This is unique, I can work for myself and I can develop this into a small business if I

wish."

Redman's mill consists of a band saw that moves along two rails. Redman can position the logs, secure them in place, and run the band saw through the log, rather than moving the log through the saw. "The saw cuts a 1/8 curve so I waste less wood," he comments. "The mill also uses less power. I can cut logs to any size and dimension I want, depending on the project. The saw moves on rails, the wood sits still, so I can work it myself. I like to have assistance, but it isn't necessary."

At this point, Redman has secured all his logs through salvage. "I use trees that have fallen down, been killed by disease, or trees that have been taken out for other reasons," Redman says. "I'm in the process now of building my inventory, as once I've cut the lumber, it takes one to two years to dry. I'm cutting and stacking lumber now to dry for future use."

Once the wood has dried, Redman runs his cut lumber through a planer and a sander, and uses the finished product for chests, cupboards and other items made from wood.

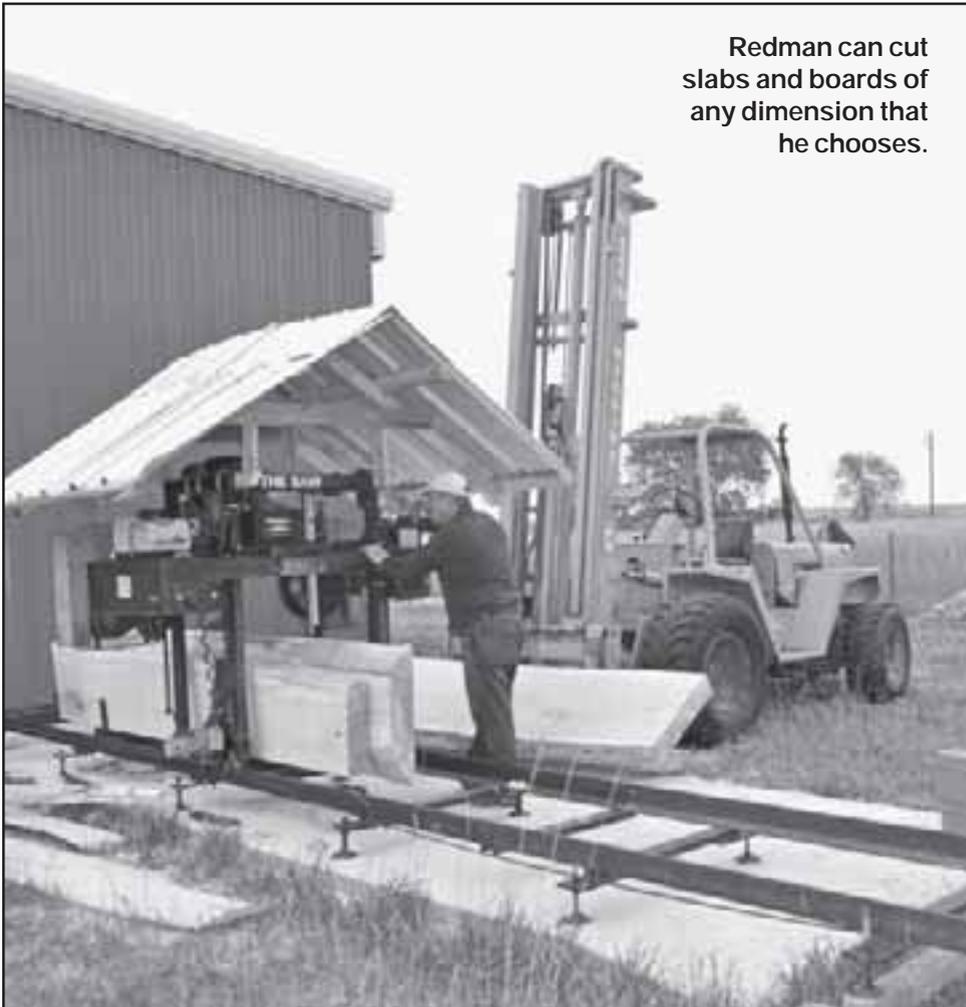
Redman uses a variety of different trees for his lumber and says that each species of tree has its own unique quali-

ties. "Cottonwood is very light-weight but strong, and it works well for a variety of uses, including cupboards," Redman remarks. "It's a boring white color, but it can be stained. Local ash makes great trim and furniture wood. Elm produces a dense, good quality hard wood excellent for chests and cabinets. Russian olive is quite pretty when finished. You have to look twice to decide if it is walnut or not."

He continues, "I love Russian olive. It is a dark wood that works as a replacement for walnut. The hard part about it is that Russian olives are usually small, crooked trees, and they have sand in them which is hard on saw blades. However, the final result is beautiful."

Redman appreciates the satisfaction he gains from working with wood. He also sees a place for his product down the road. "This is a hobby and what I enjoy doing," he concludes. "It is a lot of fun. At some point when I have enough stockpiled wood, I can see this becoming a hobby that pays its way. I see a place for custom orders in the future."

Redman can cut slabs and boards of any dimension that he chooses.



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Tips For Better Livestock Handling Part Of Bovine Connection Agenda

By Lois Kerr

Methods of handling cattle may differ from ranch to ranch. Some ranchers find livestock handling a relatively simple matter, while others feel it is a stressful experience for both man and beast. However, ways do exist to make handling livestock a chore than no one dreads, rather than a painful marathon for all involved.

Because cattle handling has become something that the public looks at more carefully than they did in the past, and because methods do exist that make moving cattle easier for everyone, the Bovine Connection committee has invited Curt Pate, NCBA stewardship and stockmanship program cattle handler, to speak on stress free cattle handling. Pate will speak at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the EARC and Extension facility, North Central Avenue, Sidney. Pate will share tips and common sense tactics for better handling livestock.

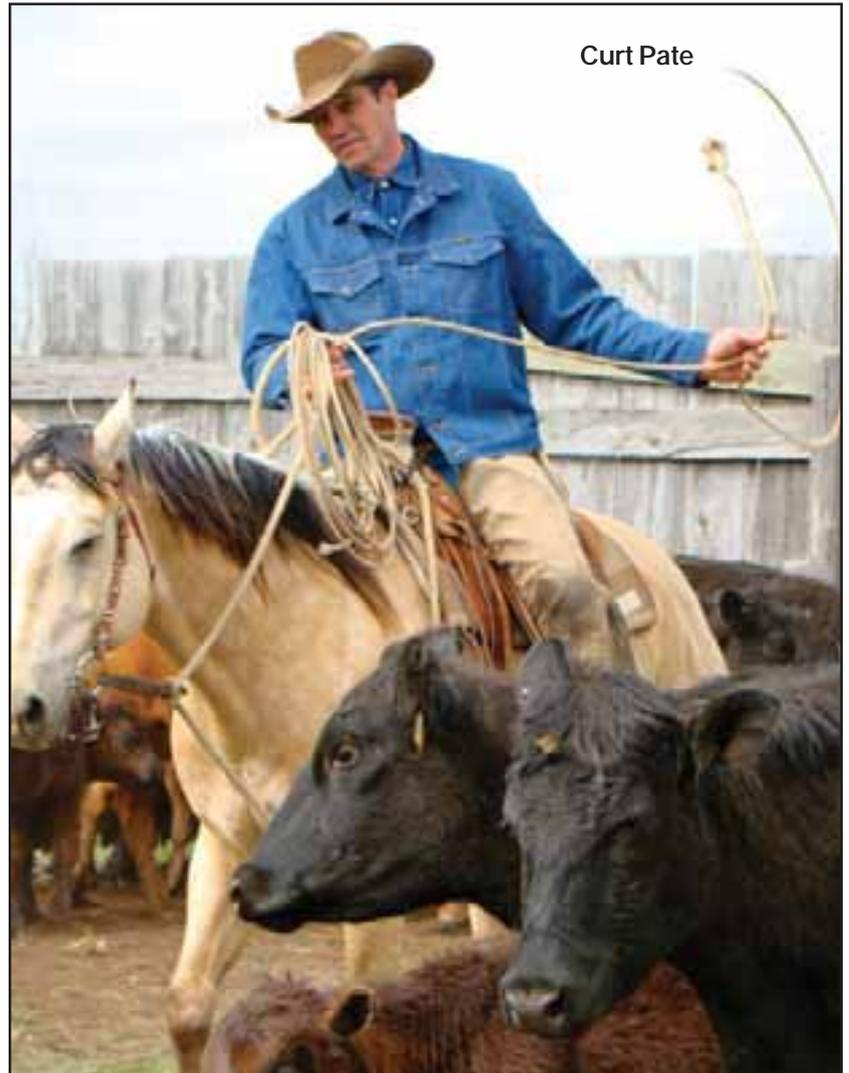
"People work cattle the way they have learned from family members," Pate observes. "When you are in the wrong spot, you are told to get in the right spot. The trick is to figure out how the cow sees and thinks, and once you know how cows see and think, it makes sense and allows you to know how to counteract this."

He adds, "It is never stress free to work cattle, but the methods I talk about are as low stress as we can make it for everyone: cattle, horses, and people."

Pate explains that the methods he teaches are not new. They are common sense approaches and they satisfy the public's demand for proper livestock handling. "We've dealt with cattle for a long time, and sometimes we did good and sometimes we did not so good," Pate comments. "A few people learned how to work and present things in ways more acceptable to the public. In my presentations, I'm putting ideas out there that we have learned and I'm talking about how to get better at stockmanship."

He adds, "There are increased economic benefits to handling stock correctly. As livestock production comes under increased scrutiny, improved handling practices create sustainability for the cattle industry."

Pate points out that cowboys have excellent skills, but a good cowboy also practices good stockmanship. "I spent a lot of time learning how to be a good horseman and roper, so I know the skills of a cowboy, but now I'm learning the



skills of a stockman. The stockman has the skills of a cowboy but he often uses those skills in a different way."

He concludes, "In my presentations, I talk from experience. Cattle don't always do what you want them to, but knowing how they see and think helps stockmen better respond. I will present sound ideas and methods that work."

Pate, born and raised on a Montana ranch, has spent a decade conducting demonstrations and clinics on stockmanship, horsemanship and safety. He has a small place near Rygate, and along with this Montana ranch, he also runs a grazing operation in South Dakota. Pate has worked as an auctioneer and rodeo announcer so he knows how to communicate effectively and he knows how to present his ideas in an interesting, informative manner.

Pate will deliver a pertinent, informative presentation on stress free cattle handling.

Sugarbeet Harvest Ends

By Lois Kerr

Although growers experienced a tough growing season this year, Mother Nature rewarded their perseverance by providing good weather for sugarbeet harvest. Growers had to wait an extra week before starting harvest due to warm temperatures, but once they began bringing in the crop, they had uninterrupted digging.

"We finished on the 24th of October, with Savage the last station to complete harvest," says Russ Fullmer, Sidney Sugars agricultural manager. "We had beautiful weather, the beets came in clean and dry and went into the piles well, and the beets are in good shape. The weather held, so we just kept going day after day with no breaks, so people were tired by the end of harvest."

He adds, "Growers harvested 20,069 acres of beets, brought in 36,565 loads, and we have 760,000 screened tons of beets."

This year's crop averaged 25.3 tons per acre, a few tons higher than originally expected, and averaged 17.57% sugar. "Slightly higher than 17% is about average for Roundup Ready beets," Fullmer says. "Roundup Ready beets don't seem to sugar up as high, although

the sugar content did start improving as harvest progressed."

He adds, "Growers had a tough year, as fields were planted late. However, everyone saw a lot of growth in September and October that added tonnage."

All stations with the exception of Savage produced higher yields than originally estimated. "Everyone was above average except Savage, but that area was really hit hard by hail this summer," Fullmer comments. "They weren't just hit once, but had a series of devastating storms."

Growers and their help worked carefully and cautiously so no major accidents occurred. Fullmer credits courteous drivers for this relatively accident-free year. "There were a few beet truck accidents and tip-overs, but no biggies," he remarks. "Traffic is so very heavy, so we were fortunate. Roads to the north were very bad, but even Savage isn't a sleepy little road any longer. It is crazy with the traffic, so thankfully everyone was courteous and drove safely. I didn't hear any complaints about beet truck drivers, so the drivers did well."

Rehaul trucks have been running smoothly, and Fullmer expects the factory to finish this year's campaign by the end of January.

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MSU Grad To Compete For Shepherds' Title

By Sepp Jannotta, MSU News Service

For Kelsey Gibbs, the path from Glendive ranch kid to a possible rendezvous with ovine destiny at the upcoming World Young Shepherds Challenge - set for Nov. 1-2 in Oamaru, New Zealand - began simply enough.

"It started out with a couple of 4-H lambs in third grade," Gibbs said.

Despite growing up on what had become predominantly a cattle ranch, Gibbs' love of sheep continued as she grew her flock lamb by lamb through high school and continued until she left for the animal science program at Montana State University.

Gibbs, now 23 and a 2010 MSU graduate, said by the time she sold it at the end of high school, the flock her mother helped her nurture throughout her youth had grown to more than 100 ewes.

Those early experiences combined with her time in college and beyond should help Gibbs when she's competing in a variety of events - picture stopwatch-timed shearing and fence building - that will determine who holds the title of world's best young shepherd.

Of course competing is built into the raising of 4-H animals, and, as the professors in the College of Agriculture point out, it is an integral part of marketing livestock.

That Gibbs had such success with her first agricultural venture comes as no surprise to Patrick Hatfield, range sheep nutrition animal sciences professor, and Gibbs' advisor at MSU.

"She works well with livestock," Hatfield said. "When she walks into a pen of sheep, she is calm and moves with purpose without upsetting the animals."

Gibbs credits Hatfield for helping her earn a trip to New Zealand's South Island - he wrote her a letter of recommendation for the prestigious Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School.

With programs covering all aspects of sheep husbandry and marketing, the annual four-day workshop gathers select groups of the most committed people in the sheep industry.

Gibbs said she came away from that experience with a better understanding of all things sheep related, and, as it turned out, a nomination to join the competition for world's best young shepherd. While other countries host national shepherds' championships to determine their representatives, no such competition exists in the United States.

"It means a lot that I'd be even considered to compete," said Gibbs, who will be joined by one other U.S. representative.

Given New Zealand's reputation as a top per-capita producer of sheep, Gibbs said the trip and its tours of historic agricultural sites should be quite amazing.

"I've actually been trying to get over to New Zealand or Australia for a little while," Gibbs said. "And this is an even better opportunity than I could have had otherwise because it's an all-expense-paid trip."

As for preparing to compete, Gibbs says she has been working on her shearing skills while moonlighting for a local wool outfit when she's not busy helping her father with the Gibbs family's 500-head cow-calf operation.

Still, she's realistic about how she might fare during two days that will pit her against competitors hailing from sheep producing giants like Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and Scotland. The competition - 11 nations will send two representatives each - consists of events covering everything from shearing to electric fence building to a four-wheeler obstacle course to the shepherds' practical knowledge on everything from differ-



When she's not moonlighting for a nearby sheep shearing outfit, Kelsey Gibbs can be found working her family's cow-calf herd with her dog Trigger. Nov. 1-2, Gibbs, a 2010 MSU grad, will be competing in the World Young Shepherd Challenge in New Zealand.

ent breeds to specific cuts of meat.

"We don't really use electric fences for sheep in Montana, so I've never really done that," she said. "But I've pretty much grown up on four-wheelers."

Taking nothing away from her skills piloting a four-wheeler, Kelsey Gibbs' father Rod Gibbs, who spent some time in his youth working on a wheat farm in Australia, was even more realistic about the level of competition she would face.

"I was joking with her and asked her if she was old enough to remember the Jamaican bobsled team," Rod Gibbs said. "But, I'm really eager to see how she does.... It's a grueling business and the people who are in it are in pretty great shape."

Kelsey Gibbs said the knowledge she gained at MSU could level the playing field somewhat.

Gibbs said she's already seen her MSU-schooling mature into real-world benefits on the family cattle ranch, where her first brood of calves produced with techniques she learned in courses on artificial insemination and bovine reproduction weighed more than usual.

"They weighed 150 lbs. more than average," Gibbs said. "I was not really expecting that because those calves are coming from our two-year-old heifers that are still growing themselves. That they could grow a calf that's that much heavier, we're pretty happy about that."

Those gains have led to her joking with her dad that she's ready to take over the reins of the family ranch.

Lately, as her departure for the opposite side of the globe approaches Gibbs has been channeling her sheep courses, not to mention pondering whether or not this could be a launching point for a career in sheep.

"Right now, I'm just going through all my old notes from the sheep management classes I took and from my time with the wool lab, in addition to stuff from the shearing school and my time at the Howard Wyman school," Gibbs said. "I'm just hoping that all that stuff will help me out."

Gibbs said she has even been in touch with some of her professors at MSU.

The people on the other end of those calls are obviously eager to see how well she'll do, said Rodney Kott, MSU Extension sheep specialist. Kott said he worked with Gibbs over a couple of years in the wool lab and in the field.

"She's one of the most promising young folks we've got coming through the sheep industry," Kott said. "Kelsey was always game for everything."

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"Take A Break"

By Lois Kerr

LOOP-A-WORD Farm Animals

The following words are found within the diagram. Words read forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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bison	colt	geese	lamb	rope (horse)
boar	cow	gelding	miniature	sheep
buck	dog	goat	mule	sow
bull	doe	gosling	percheron	stallion
burro	donkey	heifer	pig	steer
calf	draft (horse)	hen	pony	stock
cat	duck	hog	puppy	swine
chick	ewe	horse	purebred	tabby
chicken	filly	hound	pygmy (goat)	turkey
cock	gander	kitten	rooster	yearling

KEYWORD: To find the keyword, fill in the blanks 1 to 10 with the correct missing letter. Transfer these letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Be careful. More than one letter will complete each word.

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| 3. BRA __ E | 8. S __ AMP |
| 4. CRIM __ | 9. STIN __ |
| 5. __ LACK | |

CRYPTO-LIST

Crypto list is a list of related words in code. The same code is used throughout. When you have identified a word, use the known letters to decode the other words in the list.

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ex: plow

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Meadow Muffins . . . Walkin' To St. Paul

By Ken Overcast

The culture of the West is changing, and I don't like it. But, after givin' this matter a little thought, I've come to the conclusion that the West has been in a constant state of flux for a couple of hundred years now, and the old guys never have liked it.

This really isn't anything new. The Indians didn't like it when us whiteys started movin' this way, the big cow outfits didn't like it when the homesteaders started farmin' up their free range, and probably nobody liked the fact that a lot of the homesteaders dried out and moved back to where they'd come from, owing money that would never be collected.

And the change continues. Our little rural schools that were once filled with country kids that actually got an education are no more, and the main streets of our home towns are drying up and blowin' away. Only one thing stays the same ... the old guys have never liked change.

One of the big culture changes came when the cattle industry began using trucks to move their live-stock. For 75 years or so, the railroad was the only viable means to transport our western cattle to the Midwest markets. I was too young to get in on riding a cattle train to market, but by the stories I've heard, I sure missed something.

There are folks that would probably argue that riding a cattle train wouldn't have anything to do with culture, but if you're a country boy that only gets into a little one horse town maybe eight or ten times a year, the chance to ride a train to a big city like Omaha or Sioux City would be the highlight of your year. That sure sounds like culture to me.

Here's a cowboy culture story from 50 years ago or so:

It was the fall of 1952, and The Great Northern Railroad had one of several cattle trains headed east on the highline to the stockyards in St. Paul. There were about 20 cowboys ridin' the caboose hooked to the rear of the train as it pulled from the loading point in Chinook, MT.

It was the highlight of the cowboy social season. Several bottles of varying varieties of the very finest

booze known to mankind were stashed among the suitcases of "town clothes" the boys had brought along with them. Of course the train had yet to turn a wheel before the first bottle was pulled from its hiding place. The cattle were all loaded and they were headed to St. Paul. That sounds like a good reason to celebrate to me. The slow moving train had barely cleared the siding on its way to the main rail line when the first jug was already history.

The first leg of the trip went to Minot, ND, where the cattle were unloaded to be fed, watered, and rested before resuming the remainder of the trek to the big market back East. The hot topic of conversation was the recent election. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the World War II hero, had recently trounced Adlai Stevenson in the presidential election.

We'll never know exactly how many of the boys had actually voted for Ike, but the election was over, the Republicans had won, and of course everyone on the train wanted to be on the winning side so they were all Republicans; everyone except Bill Felton.

Bill was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, and the rest of the guys gave him a pretty hard time all the way to Minot.

"I knew Ike was goin' to win," Eddy Olson quipped. "He led us boys in whippin' Hitler, an' beatin' up on a Democrat is nuthin' compared to that."

"I'd o' voted for a yella dog before I'd o' voted fer that bald headed &%\$#," Bill fired back.

"Don't look like Stevenson has much hair either from the pictures I've seen," Howard Sayler piped up. "Sides, that guy's nuthin but a lawyer, and he worked fer the Feds durin' Prohibition. Can't get much lower than that."

The madder Bill became in defending his Democratic convictions, the harder the boys laid it on. The odds in the caboose were 19 to 1, and the poor guy didn't have a chance. Other than the political discussion, the trip to Minot went as smooth as could be. The only casualties being several empty booze bottles and Bill's bruised ego.

The cattle were unloaded in Minot and put on good

feed and water. The raucous merriment continued. After all, they were halfway there. Sounds like a good reason to celebrate to me.

The yearlins were reloaded, the dwindling supply of liquid refreshments was replenished, and the cowboys reboarded the caboose. Their conversation resumed right where it had left off. In fact, the liberal ingestion of liquid spirits had probably deteriorated its tone.

"Maybe you WOULD vote for a yella dog before you'd vote fer a Republican, Bill. But dang it, you look smarter than that. Democrats ain't all bad. Truman was OK. He sure showed the Japs where the bear took a dump in the brush. Takes a lot of guts to pull the plug on one of them A bombs. Ike was just the best man that's all. Personally, I'd vote fer a monkey before I'd vote fer a %\$#@ lawyer. 'ats the trouble with you Bear Paw boys ... never learn to use yer heads."

That was the straw that broke the camel's back. Bill had his can full.

"By cripes I'll walk to St. Paul before I'll ride with a gang o' narrow minded %\$#@ Republicans," Bill slurred, and out the back door of the caboose he staggered. Down the railroad tracks he tripped, whippin' himself down his hind leg with his hat and mutterin' under his breath.

I'm sure it's possible to walk from Minot to St. Paul. It's probably been done in the past, but it'll take a long time to get there headed down the tracks to the west like Bill was. The boys figured out a couple of things. They had to get Bill back on the train, and they didn't have much time.

Harry Olson tore out of the train after him. He finally got him stopped and turned around, but it took some mighty tall talkin' to get him back on the caboose. They'd nearly missed the train, and had barely gotten back aboard when it creaked out of the Minot siding and resumed the trip to the stockyards in St. Paul.

Many hours without sleep and the several gallons of missing whiskey resulted in the entire crew being dead to the world in their bunks by the time the train regained the main line. When they awoke in Minnesota, they had cattle to sell and all was forgotten and forgiven ... well, almost.

"I still don't like Ike," Bill muttered under his breath. I wonder if he EVER voted for a Republican?

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

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Adaptable to most pivot brands!

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5 Year or 10,000 Hour Valley Precision Corner

Preventative Maintenance Program

- Replace angle and span sensors
- Replace the steering and last regular drive unit U-Joints
- Verify ALL computer constants
- Verify All safeties are operational
- MEG the LRDU and SDU motors for high resistance ground faults
- Update all motor lead connections to "King" style
- Replace pressure transducer at LRDU
- Check diagnostics for proper operation
- Inspect steering gearbox mounting bolts for tightness
- Visually inspect all other key structural items and check for loose connections

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Announcing the most flexible Valley pivot ever made; the Bender160!

The Bender160 can be retrofitted to your existing Valley pivot allowing it to bend up to 160 degrees!

- Irrigate more acres with minimal investment
- The Bender160 can be installed at any span
- Your machine can be retrofitted with multiple bends to irrigate the maximum number of acres.
- Integrated end gun controls to allow end gun use while bending
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