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Mondak Area Stockgrowers Annual Meeting November 19

Jude L. Capper will be the guest speaker at the 2012 MonDak Area Stockgrowers meeting.



Mondak Area Stockgrowers will hold its annual meeting and dinner Monday, November 19 at the Sidney Country Club. The social takes place at 5:30p.m. followed by a beef entree dinner prepared by 'The Fringe'. Ms. Jude Capper will present, "Despite the drought, US beef production is green."

Jude L. Capper, Ph.D. is an independent Sustainability Consultant based in Bozeman, MT; and an Adjunct Professor of Animal Sciences in the Department of Animal Sciences at Washington State University.

Jude's current research and outreach work focuses on modeling the environmental impact of livestock production systems, specifically dairy and beef. Her principal professional goal is to communicate the importance of livestock industry sustainability and the factors affecting sustainability to enhance the knowledge and understanding of stakeholders within food production from the rancher and farmer through to the retailer, policy-maker and consumer.

Current research projects include comparisons of historical and modern production practices in dairy and beef industries; and the effect of technology use and management practices upon environmental impact. She has an active social media presence and spends a considerable amount of time de-bunking some of the more commonly-heard myths relating to resource use and the environmental impact of livestock production.

Dinner is \$15 per plate for anyone who renews their membership, or becomes a new member, \$20 for others.

Many door prizes will be given away. If any farm or ranch wishes to sponsor a door prize, please bring it to the meeting.

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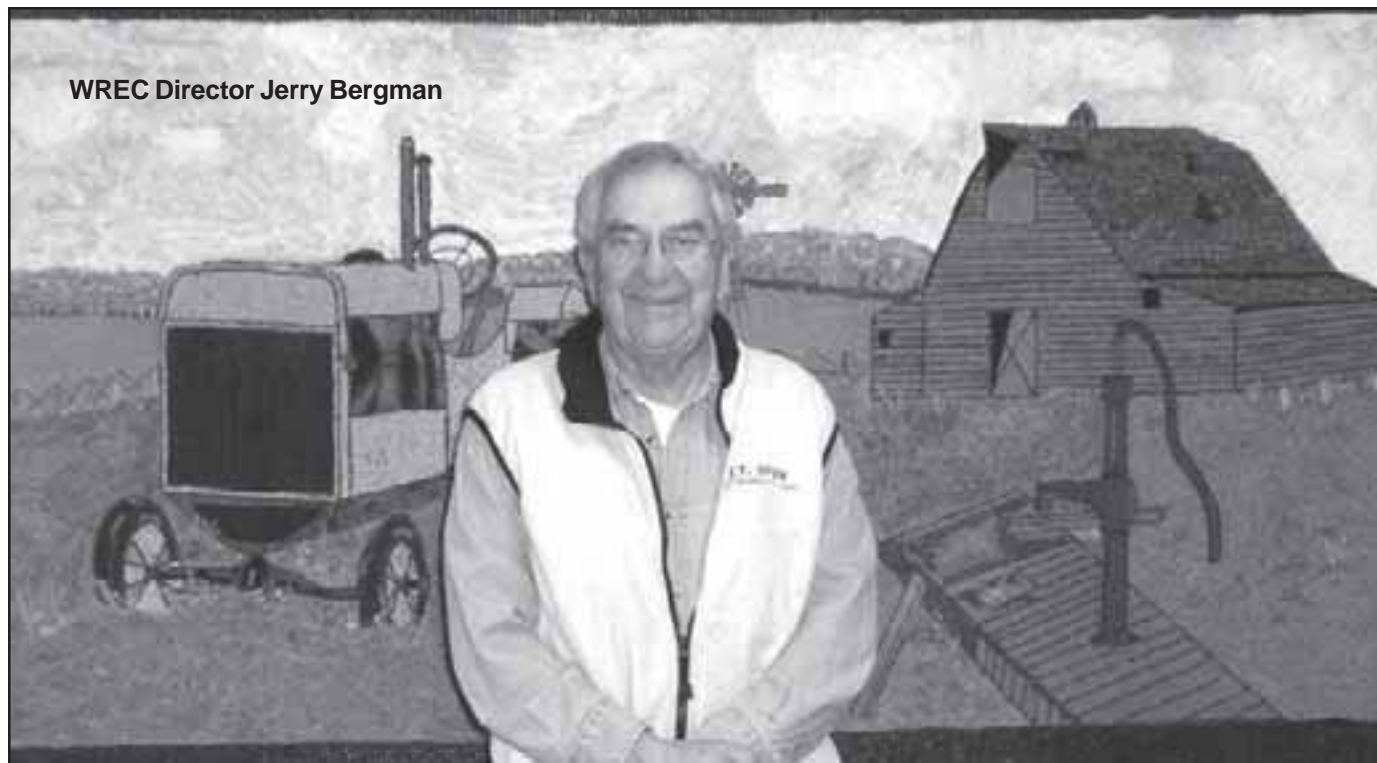
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Bergman Heading Up New Projects at WREC



WREC Director Jerry Bergman

By Tie Shank

Many of you know Dr. Jerry Bergman as a longtime safflower breeder and pioneer in developing new safflower varieties, but what many of you don't know is the health benefits that safflower offers: Safflower oil is a healthier version of oil. It's lower in saturated fats than canola or olive oil and higher in monosaturates than olive oil. Safflower oil is an excellent product for people with high cholesterol and high LDL, but it also helps to reduce the fat verses muscle ration in women who are past the child bearing age. It's a product with great potential for nutrition and also for feeding ruminant animals.

Dr. Bergman, who worked on developing new and improved safflower varieties and safflower production research for the past 38 years and was the previous director of the MSU Eastern Ag Research Center in Sidney, is now the full time director of the Williston Research Extension Center. His decision to accept the position was based on the fact there is more research funding in Williston, which allows for more opportunity to do more research in dryland and irrigated land both. As a safflower breeder in Sidney, the research responsibility has diminished significantly, but his plan is to continue working with the Eastern Ag Research Center and USDA – Agricultural Research Service in Sidney on a cooperative basis as he has for many years. He will not be administratively in charge at the EARC, but all intentions are to cooperate as much or more than they have in the past. He is still testing advanced lines of Safflower breeds for consideration of release, but is no longer making crosses.

As the director of the WREC, Dr. Bergman is working on a new potato project: One which may lead to getting a potato processing plant in the Williston area. He and his fellow workers are cooperating with the potato breeders from the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State and they are in the process of marketing a new variety of potato called, "Mondak Gold." This variety of potato will have excellent potential for baking, French fries and other special uses. He is also working on crops which are adapted here, both dryland and irrigated and he is involved in soil research, variety testing and crop production studies. Bergman plants whatever experiments he's doing to make sure the process is done correctly. With the shortage of labor, he is doing more field work than normal but thoroughly enjoys doing it.

One concern he has in Williston is the ability to fill open positions. "Because of housing shortages and competitive salaries, we currently have three vacancies: a Horticulturist, an Agronomist and a Research Specialist." He just returned from the American Society of Agronomy Career Fair in Cincinnati, Ohio, where over 3300 scientist attended, in hopes of attracting candidates for the open positions.

Bergman states, "Ag is still the most important income source in North Dakota and Montana and it's important to have the people know it's not just oil and gas in this region. Ag is contributing very significantly to the economy and to economic development in the region. We'd like to see more oil companies investing in agricultural projects."

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Once harvest truly got underway, over 60,000 tons of beets per day were harvested, creating some of the strongest receiving days Sidney Sugars has seen in years. "The piler crews are worn out," Fullmer said. "But we'll get through the last of it." Sidney Sugars had adequate help for harvest, although they were a little shy in some places including the quality lab. Fullmer estimated that 75% of the pile grounds workers are retired individuals. Jobs are, and will be, available throughout campaign which will last until January or February.

Sidney Sugars continues to remind everyone to drive defensively and be courteous.

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Insects Drive Rapid Evolutionary Change In Plant Populations

Submitted by University of Montana

Results from a five-year study involving University of Montana plant ecologist John Maron suggest plants can evolve quickly to lose anti-insect defenses when those defensive traits are no longer needed.

Maron collaborated on a study of evening primrose wildflowers in experimental plots growing in New York. The study found that primroses lost defensive traits that protected them from plant-eating moths in only three or four generations when the insects were experimentally suppressed.

"The research demonstrates that evolution can occur quite rapidly in a field setting," Maron said. "It also shows that in the absence of herbivorous insects the frequency of plants possessing traits associated with herbivore resistance can change rapidly."

The National Science Foundation funded the research, and results were published in the Oct. 5 issue of *Science*. Anurag Agrawal of Cornell University was the principal investigator, and he worked with researchers at UM, the University of Toronto and the University of Turku, Finland.

Through natural selection, the wildflowers evolved away from having high concentrations of insect-detering chemicals and later flowering, which protects against plant-eating larvae that peak early in growing seasons. The primroses also evolved traits making them better able to compete against dandelions, which unexpectedly thrived in the experimental insect-suppression plots.

"When dandelions were liberated from their own herbivores, they became more abundant in the plots," Maron said. "This altered the competitive environment and selected for primrose genotypes that could handle this increased competition."

"This rapid change in primrose competitive ability was unexpected," he said. "It shows how interactions influencing one species in an assemblage can in turn affect the evolution of other community members."



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New FCS Agent at the Richland Co. Extension Office

By Ashley Harris

The Richland County MSU Extension office announced that they have hired a new Family and Consumer Sciences agent. Ludmila Keller, graduate of Binghamton University, had been hoping to get an extension job. When asked why an extension job she replied, "It's such a great opportunity to work with a community and to interact with the residents." So when she saw an opening here in Sidney, she immediately got more information.

Keller's main interest has always been in nutrition, which is why she decided to study it. She likes that she can take everything she learned and apply it to a community. She enjoys running, dancing, and especially likes Zumba. Keller also mentioned she loves spending time with her pets. Her dog, Gatsby, is a rhodesian ridgeback-lab mix with a happy go lucky attitude, while her cat, Loretta, is very grumpy.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the community, local organizations, and businesses and find out what pro-

grams they would like to see started," Keller said when asked what she hopes to accomplish as the FCS Agent. She realizes the issues of obesity, nutrition, and especially food costs aren't only a national issue, but a real issue in our area due to the oil industry.

Keller is currently working on her Masters of Public Health Degree while finishing up her position as Research Assistant for Women's Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. She also currently volunteers as a nutrition educator at a local free clinic, advising people on proper nutrition.

"I'm really excited. I've been to Sidney once and met a lot of people. I'm looking forward to meeting the community and helping them start the programs they would like to see happen," stated Keller.

Keller is slated to start work November 13th. She is taking Judy Johnson's old position, after she retired last summer.



Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Ludmila Keller.



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Maximize Your Pivot \$\$\$ Irrigation Workshop

This past growing season came with several issues for growers from getting the crop planted in dry conditions, to quality issues, to recurring dry conditions. Crop rotation and diversity are considerations producers must think about while managing their farm operation. One of the biggest question marks in irrigation is how to achieve consistency in crop management and yields along with maintaining quality. To address some of these questions, an irrigation workshop has been developed emphasizing research taking place in the region and specific management practices. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, at the Williston Research Extension Center (Ernie French Center) starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST).

The workshop will start with a talk on soil health issues of salinity and alkaline from Chris Augustin, NCREC Soil Health Area Extension Specialist. Then discussion will switch to weed herbicide resistance and how rotating mode of actions will slow the resistant race with weeds by Jeff Stachler, NDSU Weed Scientist. Tom Scherer, NDSU Extension Ag Engineer, will present on how to measure and calibrate flow pressure on pivots so they are set up correctly to wrap up the morning session.

Following lunch, Chet Hill, Area Extension Ag Diversification Specialist, will review sprinkler uniformity and an overall spotlight of irrigation in the region. Mike Hove with the ND State Water Commission will give an update on the water permitting process and the real time metering monitoring systems being tested in the state. And finally, Tyler Tjelde, WREC Irrigation Agronomist will provide an update on the NessonValley irrigation research site and highlight a

couple research projects on water management.

There will be a noon lunch sponsored by Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative. Mon-Kota will be sponsoring the breaks during the workshop.

If you have any further questions, please call Chet Hill, NDSU Extension Area Ag Diversification Specialist, at (701)774-4315.

Acreage Reporting Deadline Approaching for Fall Seeded Crops

Farmers and ranchers in North Dakota are reminded that USDA's Farm Service Agency has new acreage reporting deadlines for the coming crop year. Producers must report fall seeded crops and perennial forage, which comprises grass, hay, alfalfa, and pasture, by November 15, 2012.

Aaron Krauter, State Executive Director for FSA in North Dakota, says the change comes as a result of a national effort to align acreage reporting dates between FSA and Risk Management Agency. "The big change for North Dakota producers is that we now have two acreage reporting dates," Krauter said. "You still need to report spring crops by July 15th, but if you're planting a crop like winter wheat that will be harvested in 2013 or have hay or pastureland, it's important to get those crops reported by November 15th."

Because of the change in reporting dates, late-filed fees will not be assessed if producers miss the November 15th, 2012 deadline. "Going to two different acreage reporting dates is a new thing for producers in North Dakota, and we understand that it's going to take a while to get everybody thinking about coming into their county office in the fall," Krauter said.

Producers should contact their local FSA county office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines. In order to meet FSA program eligibility requirements, producers must submit timely acreage reports. Reports filed after the established deadlines must meet certain requirements to be accepted.

Sidney Sugars Fire Losses Minimal

Sidney Sugars Incorporated experienced a fire in a pulp dryer last Thursday night. According to general manager David Garland, a shaft broke on a gear drive, which stopped the drum and started the pulp inside on fire. The employee in that position immediately isolated the problem to the drum, and followed procedure to a T. Sidney Sugars determined that fire department involvement was warranted and called them.

The incident occurred at 6 p.m. and the fire department was wrapped up and gone by 8:30. Loss was limited to the pulp in the dryer, with no other damage.

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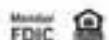
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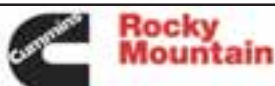
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"The People's Celebration" Marks 150th Birthday of USDA, Land Grant Colleges and Homesteaders

Submitted by Julie Goss and Beth Redlin

In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law three landmark pieces of legislation creating a new "people's department" (the US Department of Agriculture); establishing land grant colleges in every state and opening the west to homesteading. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of those historic signings, a "People's Celebration" is planned for Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 8, at the Richland County Fair Event Center in Sidney.

A number of local USDA agencies and programs (Agricultural Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forest Service, Rural Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, WIC, SNAP and the School Lunch program), along with local land grant college and historical organizations (Eastern Ag Research Center, Richland County Extension and the MonDak Heritage Center) have joined together for the celebration which will feature booths highlighting the history and current activities of the various agencies and programs, along with an overview of homesteading in the region from the MonDak Heritage Center. Representatives will be available to chat with people about their work and answer questions. In addition, the Richland County Conservation District will be incorporating the homesteading theme in their annual awards dinner which will follow the afternoon's activities at the same location. More details below.

Displays, school tours, and more

The afternoon begins with an Open House at the Event Center from 1-5 pm, including display booths, speakers, and more. The first hour of the afternoon welcomes school tours with each booth offering short demonstrations and/or presentations specifically targeting 5th graders, although other ages are welcome. Invitations have been extended to area school 5th grade teachers to participate. Interested persons can contact Beth Redlin at 433-9427 to arrange a class tour.

Other plans for the day include a display of our USDA photo contest entries and winners; a farm-themed kindergarten art exhibit, and door prize drawings, refreshments and birthday cake, all donated by USDA and RCCD employees and the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney. Prizes for the photo contest are also being donated by USDA employees. For more information on the contest, see related story or contact Julie Goss or Heather Luinstra at 433-2103 x3. Entry deadline is Monday, Nov. 5.

A visit with Abe's cousin!

An extra special treat for the afternoon is a visit from "Abraham Lincoln" or rather a real-life cousin. Bill Brenner of



Sidney can trace his family's heritage back to President Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and he is understandably proud of that connection. Bill has agreed to participate in "The People's Celebration" Open House on Thursday, Nov. 8th and will have items from his personal Lincoln family collection on display. He's also available throughout the afternoon to talk with school children and other visitors about his historic relative.

Afternoon Speaker Schedule

In addition to the displays, the MonDak Heritage Center and several USDA participants are also giving short talks throughout the afternoon on a wide variety of contemporary and historical topics related to their agency missions. They include:

2:00 pm: Gary Adams, USDA, APHIS, Helena - "Emerald Ash Borer"

2:30 pm: Mark Henning, USDA, NRCS, Miles City - "Born in the Dust Bowl: Building Soil Health"

3:00 pm: Tony Preite, USDA, Rural Development "RD Programs for Oil-Impacted Communities"

3:20 pm: Bill Brenner, Cutting of the People's 150th Birthday Cake for all to enjoy!

3:40 pm: "Smokey Bear" and Speaker from USDA, FS "History of the Forest Service & Dakota Prairie Grasslands"

4:10 pm: Tatyana Rand, USDA, ARS, Sidney "Wheat Stem Sawfly"

4:40 pm: Benjamin L. Clark, MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney "Historical Homesteading Review"

Centennial Farms and Homestead Dreams

The People's Celebration concludes with a no-host social at the Event Center at 5 pm hosted by the Richland

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County Conservation District, to be followed by the District's annual Awards Dinner at 6 pm. The meal is also open to the public; however, there is a \$12 per person charge. To reserve tickets, call Julie Goss at 406-433-1203 x101.

In addition to the Conservation District's traditional awards, the group will also be recognizing two Richland County "Centennial Farms/Ranches" which have been in operation locally under the same families for 100 years or more. The two will also be included in the Montana Historical Society's Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program.

To conclude the "People's Celebration," the Conservation District has also arranged to have Montana Historian and Storyteller Hal Stearns speak at 7 pm on "Homestead Dreams: From High Hopes to Lingering Legacy." In his talk,

Stearns will explore the American West's last great agricultural land rush and what followed, illustrating his talk with a myriad of signs left on the landscape. Montana, Stearns says, has always been a state marked by boom and bust the fur trade, cattle on the open range, the gold and silver, coal and oil rushes. But no moment in our history has left a mark quite like that of the "honyocker" or homesteader.

Mr. Stearns' presentation is FREE and open to the public. His appearance is made possible by the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau Program. Partial funding for the Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

We hope you can join us for this fun commemoration!

Moisture Management, Soil Health Discussion Set for November 14

By Heidi Hintz

Effective moisture management combined with feeding the "livestock" above and below ground is the theme of the 2012 Soil Health Workshop. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, at the Biesiot Activities Center on the Dickinson State University Campus.

Testimony and presentations by producers from North Dakota, Montana, and South Dakota will be a big part of the workshop. In addition, research soil scientists from North Dakota State University and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide new research findings, which are important to sustain soil health.

Southwest North Dakota producers, Derrick Dukart, Manning, and James Zielsdorf, Beach, will discuss grazing strategies and the benefits of cover crops respectively. Montana producer Dirk O'Connor will explain ways to conserve precipitation for its most effective use in a precipitation-lacking environment. Dan Forgery of Gettysburg, SD, will also provide a producer testimonial.

Dickinson based NRCS soil scientist, Jon Stika, will demonstrate how management practices impact soil microorganisms and how producers can create better, healthier soil by making sure the underground "livestock", or microorganisms, are fed. Ann-Marie Fortuna, NDSU soil scientist, will discuss the function of soil microbes and how they can increase the value of soil.

There are also two panels scheduled during this workshop. The panels will feature producers giving first-hand accounts of what works and what doesn't work. The panels will also be an opportunity for attending producers to ask key questions regarding soil health management.

Dickinson State University assistant professor Toby Stroh will summarize the Southwest North Dakota Soil Health Demonstration Project. This event is free and open to the public.

Individuals wanting more information can contact Heidi

Heintz by phone at 701-390-3222 or via email at heidihintz@hotmail.com. The courtesy of an RSVP would be appreciated.

USDA to Make Payments to ND Farmers & Ranchers

North Dakota State Executive Director Aaron Krauter announced that approximately \$310.8 million in payments, including \$91.4 million in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rental payments and \$219.4 million in direct payments will be made to North Dakota agricultural producers this month.

In 2012, North Dakota producers had more than 32,000 contracts covering over 2.39 million acres of land enrolled in CRP. The voluntary program helps farmers and ranchers safeguard environmentally sensitive land and provides habitat for game and non-game species.

Final direct payments are made through the Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Programs, which provide payments to producers of certain commodities based on planting history and established yields. Participants in the programs in North Dakota have enrolled 19.1 million acres of cropland. About 94 percent of producers in North Dakota participate in the two programs.

Producers reported about 22.4 million acres of annually planted crops to Farm Service Agency for the 2012 crop year. Just 163,000 acres were reported as prevented planting, down from the 2011 record of 5.6 million acres and the 10 year average of 1.6 million acres.

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Meadow Muffins . . .

The Las Vegas Strip

By Ken Overcast

Here it was over a month after the big deal, and Dick was still down in the dumps and walkin' around with this bummed-out frown on his face. He looked a lot like a sheepherder that just got his dog shot.

"Aw come on cheer up," his ol' buddy Billy chided, trying to hold back the little giggle that always seemed to sneak up out of his belly when he thought about it. "You'll pr'obly never see her again anyway."

"Just clam up," Dick snarled back, ignoring his chuckling pardner. "I'm goin' ridin'."

As soon as Dick had stomped across the kitchen and slammed the door, Billy just couldn't hold it back anymore. With his ol' buddy finally out of earshot, he broke out in a big belly laugh just thinkin' about it; so tickled that the tears were rolling down his stubbly cheeks.

You see, Dick and Billy, those two old bachelor cowboys that ranch way down by the river, had made another trip to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last fall. They'll probably go back again sometime, but right now Dick swears that he'll never set foot in that town again. "'Cause it'd be just too darn embarrassin'."

Billy popped the top on yet another liquid refreshment, and reared back in his chair to relive the moment. He'd had the time of his life.

There's a lot going on in Las Vegas when the NFR is in town, and a hick country boy can get in trouble without even tryin'. The boys had bought some brand new shirts and overalls, had sold a couple of old dry cows for a little extra money, and off to the big doin's they went.

They had quite a time too, but being a couple of buckaroo bachelors from out in the sticks that knew a whole lot more about cows and horses than about the female members of their own species, it took them a while to get the hang of things. In fact, I'm not too sure they ever did.

They went to the rodeo the first night they got there, and I'll tell you what, she was a dandy. After the big show, the boys headed back to their glitzy hotel down on the strip to see what else they could find. They soon found out that a feller could find just about anything he was lookin' for down there and a whole lot of stuff he

wasn't. There were lights flashin' and bands playing and action every place.

"Boy, I'd sure like to do a little dancin'," Dick remarked, as the Texas Swing band in the crowded lounge struck up an old Bob Wills tune.

"Me too," slurred his partially inebriated partner. "But I ain't lookin' forward to gettin' the dickens pounded out of me fer askin' the wrong gal to dance. How's a feller s'posed to know what's what around here?"

Their dilemma was soon solved when they saw an ad for female escorts. Because Dick is a better talker, Billy made him do the callin'.

"Hello. We was readin' yer ad and we're in town here for the rodeo, and we'd like to see about a couple of gals to go dancin'." There was a long pause as the lady on the other end of the phone filled Dick in on all of the details.

"Five hundred dollars! A piece? We don't want to buy 'em, we just want to dance with 'em." Dick held his hand over the receiver. "Billy this is a dumb hair-brained idea you got! They want us to pay 'em five hundred dollars a piece just to go dancin'! Fer that much money they oughta let us take 'em back t' the ranch!"

"Well," Billy burped, "I really doubt if they'll let us take 'em home fer that, but ask 'em if they know how to dance. Heck, this only comes around once a year. I don't mind tradin' that pot bellied old cow I sold fer a night o' good dancin'. I say if they know how to dance let's just go fer it."

Dick just stared at his pardner for a second or two and then took his hand off the receiver and made the deal. About a half an hour later they met the two dancin' girls in the hotel lobby, and headed down the street to where they'd heard the band playin'.

Doggone it, but those gals were friendly; a couple of sort of fancy thoroughbreds. They were a little on the long legged side, and their dresses might have been a little too tight and maybe just a tad too short, but then the boys reasoned with legs that long, maybe they'd sort of grown out of 'em.

They danced the night away, and had themselves a time. For some reason the girls kept lookin' at their watch and wondering if the boys wanted to go back to

the hotel.

"Are you kiddin'?" Billy wondered out loud. "I ain't heard a band this good since I seen old Bob Wills hisself down in Fort Worth."

The problem arose when they headed out for the pickup to go to another dancehall down the strip. Dick, bein' the athletic showoff that he is, got himself in a real pickle that he won't live down for quite a while. He told Billy and the gals to just wait out in the street in front of the casino, and he'd go back and bring the pickup around to give them a ride.

The problem was, when he cut across a little piece of grass to where the outfit was parked, there was a ten foot high security fence between him and where he needed to go. He could see his pickup over there not fifty yards away, and it was either walk all the way back around or just shinny over the fence.

Well, shinny over he did, but he ran into an itty-bitty problem. There must have been some poison in all of those refreshments they'd consumed while they'd been dancin', because he lost his balance right as he went over the top. His brand new overalls hung up on the top wire, and there he was, hanging upside down with his head five or six feet off the ground.

"Now what in the dickens am I gonna do?" Dick thought to himself. Try as he may, he couldn't wiggle free, and those new overalls weren't about to give up. There he hung.... and there was no gettin' loose. It was in a fairly dark isolated area, with not a soul to help. He was just plain stuck there.

That's when he got the bright idea. "I know! I'll just undo the buckle on my jeans and slip right out of 'em. Then I'll climb back up and unhook 'em and put 'em back on."

By rights, that does sound like a plausible remedy, but he ran into a little hitch. When he undid his jeans, he only slid about three feet further down, until his boots hung up in the legs.

Now, he's in even worse shape than before. His BVDs got caught in his jeans, and his shirttail is up around his neck. Now he's hangin' upside down with his shirttail covering his

head and naked as a J Bird from his hocks all the way down to his armpits.

That's where Billy and the two girls found him. For some reason, the girls didn't even seem to be embarrassed by such a sight, but poor ol' Dick sure was. Fortunately the pounding in his head was loud enough he couldn't hear their giggles.

"Just think, Muffy," one of the dancin' girls giggled to the other, "we haven't seen anything like that since we saw ol' Bob Wills hisself down in Fort Worth."

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Local Ranches Partner Up For Successful Trip To The NILE Rodeo Finals



Pictured here is the Wild Cow Milking contest with Robert Sperry and Craig McKenzie handling the cow, while the milker Clint Neshem attempts to start filling up the 12 oz. longneck bottle. Not pictured is Wilbur Reid. This team brought home 3rd place for Wild Cow Milking. (Photo by WDPHOTOS)

By Ashley Harris

Sperry Horses and Reid Ranch teamed up for the 6th Annual NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals, held annually in Billings, MT. In order for teams to get to the finals, they must place well in one of the NILE sanctioned Ranch Rodeos from across the region. The team of Sperry and Reid qualified for the Finals at the local Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Rodeo in Sidney. The team brought home 4 awards at this year's finals, including 1st in Team Branding, 3rd in Wild Cow Milking, and 2nd in Ranch Bronc Riding. Placing in 3 categories also won them 3rd in Top Teams.

Sperry Quarter Horses is a family owned ranch near Trotters, ND. They have been a horse oriented ranch since 1999, when they started focusing on top-notch horse breed-

ing, raising, and training. The team members for this year's rodeo were: Craig McKenzie, Wilbur Reid, Robert Sperry, Clint Neshem and Jason McNally.

The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) started in 1966 as a livestock show. In 2006, the NILE added Ranch Rodeo to their fall events. This event and the display of real ranch cowboys quickly became popular across the region. It wasn't until 2009 that they established the Finals and the qualifying sanctioned rodeos across the region.

On the NILE website it states, "The NILE is dedicated to the promotion of livestock promotion, agricultural education, and respect for our western tradition. We believe those are important for the future of agriculture and we ask you to join us if you share those same values. As partners to-

gether we can accomplish more than any one individual”.

This year's Rodeo Finals were held in Billings, MT in the Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark. On October 17th, at 7:00 pm, 12 rodeo qualifying teams gathered to show off their skills in the categories including: saddle bronc riding, team trailering, team branding, team doctoring, and wild cow milking.

The team of Sperry/Reid placed 1st in Team Branding, where the 4-person team has 2 minutes to catch two calves and get them branded on their ribs on either side. The winner is determined by the fastest time on two calves.

Sperry/Reid also placed 3rd in Wild Cow Milking, in which a 3 or 4-person team has 2 minutes to catch a cow and milk it. They must fill a 12 oz. longneck bottle and run it to the judge. Fastest time wins.

In Ranch Bronc Riding, a rider will “ride as ride can” for 8 seconds. Points will be awarded for difficulty of the horse, degree of aggressiveness, control, and exposure demonstrated by the rider. Sperry/Reid tied for 2nd in this category.

In order to be eligible for the team championship, teams must enter all events. The standings in each category are given points and added up to determine the team winners. The team of Sperry/Reid came out in 3rd place in the Team Championship category.

When asked how they felt it went, Robert Sperry with Sperry Horses stated, “Overall the rodeo went well. I feel we work well as a team. We all have our place in the ranch rodeos as to which job we are going to do. We would have placed better if we had drawn better cattle for the team trailering event, but that is how the luck of the draw is. We did our best with what was dealt to us. Our team was on top of their game, and I feel we did the best we could and worked well together. We enjoy getting together as a team and giving it our best. There are some great



Craig McKenzie, taking home the 2nd place award for Ranch Bronc Riding. (Photo by WDPHOTOS)

teams at these and we always like the challenge.”

Sperry/Reid has been to the NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals once before. “Last year was our first year at the Nile Finals and we won 1st place and Robert Sperry was honored with top hand of the rodeo receiving a saddle,” Robert Sperry mentioned.

Overall, a successful couple trips to the NILE Finals for the Sperry/Reid team.



The participating team from L to R: Craig McKenzie, Wilbur Reid, Robert Sperry, Clint Neshem and Jason McNally. (Photo by WDPHOTOS)

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MSU Soil Expert Offers Fertilizing Advice For Drought-Affected Farms

Submitted by MSU News Service

The extremely dry conditions in much of Montana may affect how producers manage nutrients for crop production next year, according to a Montana State University Extension soil expert.

There are a few recommended differences between nutrient management during drought conditions and normal conditions.

"The nutrients available for the next season's crops may be either higher or lower than normal because the amount removed by the drought-stressed crop may be different than in a normal year and soil-nutrient cycles are altered," said Clain Jones, Extension Soil Fertility specialist in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University.

There is an assumption that fewer nutrients are removed by the lower yields from drought stressed crops. However, some crops may have been harvested as forage rather than as grain. Harvest of the whole plant may remove more nutrients from the field than a grain harvest. Alternatively, if a crop is considered a total loss and not harvested at all, no nutrients are removed from the field.

The amounts of nutrients removed are more a function of the size of the harvest than of possible changes in grain or straw nutrient concentrations caused by drought.

Nitrogen removal by harvest is only one factor affecting next year's available nitrogen supply.

Decreased downward nitrogen movement out of the rooting zone also contributes to potentially higher than normal fall nitrate-nitrogen levels. If there is substantial fall to mid spring rainfall, this residual nitrogen is susceptible to overwinter leaching loss, especially in coarse soil or soil with cracks.

"No-till slows decomposition of the plant residue, making less residual nitrogen available for leaching and therefore helps retain the nitrogen on the site," Jones said. "A volunteer grain crop or winter weeds can help capture and hold some of the residual nitrogen."

Phosphorus and potassium levels are largely influenced by: Reduced plant uptake, the harvest timing, the harvest amount, and which part of the plant is removed.

Harvesting wheat grain removes about 80 percent of the phosphorus taken up by the crop, with the remainder staying on the field if straw is not removed. Harvesting the wheat as forage at early heading removes only half as much phosphorus.

In contrast, most of the potassium taken up by wheat is in the leaves and stems and very little is removed in the grain. If wheat is harvested for forage at mid-heading then more potassium is removed than when wheat is harvested

for grain.

The recycling of potassium from plant residue generally recharges soil potassium levels. However, lack of rain reduces release of potassium from plant material, causing reduced potassium soil test levels.

Jones advised producers to not overreact to low soil test potassium.

"The potassium is temporarily tied up in plant residue but most will become available to the next crop," he said.

Soil sampling is the best tool available to help make fertilizer rate decisions, especially since nutrient removal estimates are not available for all crops at all stages of harvest.

Spring soil tests are a good gauge because available nutrients change from fall to spring. If possible, sample to a two to three foot depth to determine residual nitrogen. Sampling at six-inch increments can help determine where the nitrogen is located in the soil profile to evaluate risk and magnitude of leaching loss from the root zone.

Jones noted that plant nutrient uptake tends to be more variable across a field under drought conditions, so taking more samples can be helpful.

"Even if soil samples are available from the prior year, samples taken after drought provide a better basis for next year's fertilizer needs because drought can change nutrient availability," said Jones.

Also, analyzing soil samples in a drought year and comparing the results and yield records with 'normal' years can help interpret tests in future dry years.

Fertilizer rates should be based on available nutrients as indicated by soil tests and reasonable yield predictions, which are difficult under normal moisture conditions, let alone during drought cycles, Jones said.

Nitrogen credit from a legume crop grown for grain is not largely influenced by drought during the legume rotation. It can vary from zero to about 20 pounds nitrogen per acre, being at the upper end of this range when legumes have been grown several times in rotation.

Nitrogen credit should be at the low end when the spring following the legume crop is dry, which makes water, rather than nitrogen, the limiting factor for grain growth and delays the release of nitrogen from the legume residue. Phosphorus and potassium can be applied in the fall.

However, nitrogen is best applied near planting to avoid overwinter loss and adjust for overwinter changes. Nitrogen levels can be adjusted with top-dressing if moisture conditions improve after planting. This will minimize over- or under-fertilizing, which is costly to producers in drought as well as normal years.



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Above, Teigan Taylor took first prize in the 6-9 year old category with her Santa.

Below: Jade Schlothauer took first in the 10-12 year old category with her Dutch Windmill.

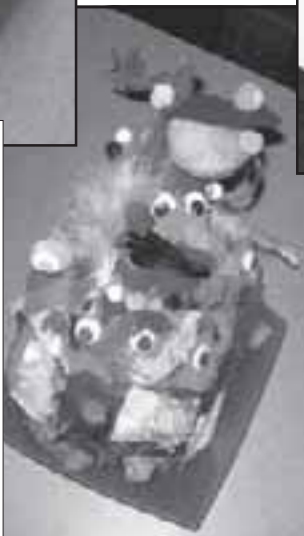


Left: "Marbeetio" by Hunter Whitmus took third place in the 10-12 year old category.



Above, Landon Tveit won first place in the 5 and under category.

Left: Baylee Schlothauer earned second place in the 6-9 year old group for her "Scarecrow".



Right: Nicci Harris earned second place in the 10-12 year old group for "Congressman Beetsman".

Left: Kaylee Long and Mariah Vincent took second place in the 6-9 year old category with "Mrs. Vincent".





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