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## September 2012 Edition

# NDRA Finals Rodeo Coming Out of the Chutes in Watford City

By Jaimee Green

Roping. Riding. Guts. Glory. Do you really need more of a hint than that? Well, okay then! Here it goes. It's rodeo time in Watford City and that, ol' partner, is reason enough to scrape the mud off those cowboys boots, grab your best duds and mosey on into town to one of the wildest rodeos in the northwest.

The two-day NDRA Rodeo Finals event will feature the talents of North Dakotas' top 12 competitors in nine events, as they try to become the 2012 NDRA State Champion.

The event is taking place Sept. 7-8 with rodeo action starting at 7:00 p.m. and will include a Calcutta at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds inside the indoor arena, followed by a Play in the Dirt Dance. Go-around prizes will be awarded during the dance to each night's top contestants. The beer garden opens Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Other events are scheduled for Saturday including the Watford City High School Club Rodeo at 9:00 a.m. along with a team roping event to follow at 10:00 a.m.

The Saturday NDRA Rodeo again starts at 7:00 p.m. with champions crowned during the evening performance.

Even if you're an avid rodeo-goer, this particular venue offers something a little different from your average outdoor arena. "Watching the rodeo indoors really gets you up close to the action. Many of these competitors are amateur performers who go professional. When you mix that with some of the best rodeo stock there is, watching it all from 50 feet away is really a good time," said Gene Veeder, a NDRA Rodeo Finals Committee member.

This year, the regional musical talents of Lonesome Willy, will again perform for each night's dance.

This year marks the celebration of 59 years of the North Dakota Rodeo Association with this being the 14<sup>th</sup> annual event taking place in Watford City.

"It's been interesting these past few years. This event draws people from all over. Our biggest challenge is having enough sleeping accommodations for people traveling to the area. We have been informing all of the competitors of the housing shortage to ensure they plan their trip accordingly. But, this event is fun because there are so many new faces. There are people who love rodeo and those who have never been to one," said Veeder.

Money generated from this event is part of an annual fundraiser that benefits a number of area organizations, including the Eagles Club, McKenzie County 4-H and the Oilers Hockey Club.

Rodeo stock were chosen by judges and performers and selected from a wide variety of stock contractors to help ensure the best competition.

"The key that binds this event together is that while it's a rodeo it's also a reunion for the 300 to 400 cowboys and cowgirls who come together. It's really a celebration where you can be sure you will see some familiar faces while making new friends," Veeder said.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for students ages 7-18 and children 6 and under is free.





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# Sidney Livestock Market Center Open For Business

Wednesday is "Sale Day" in Sidney. For many, many years Wednesday was the day to come to town, go to the livestock sale and then shop and conduct other business, before enjoying a great dinner and heading home. With the purchase of Yellowstone Livestock, Prewitt & Co. is hoping to bring those days back to Sidney.

The Montana Board of Livestock approved the purchase August 1 and the new Sidney Livestock Market Center, LLC held its first sale August 8.

Tim and Kristin Larson will manage the Center, while Christy Albin will stay as office manager. Field man Roger Nygaard, as well as the crew at the yards have stayed on as well. Plans include hiring another field man. Superior Livestock sales will continue.

While there are no big plans as yet, there are lots of ideas. "We want to run a good, honest, aggressive market center," co-owner Rod Prewitt emphasized. Tim Larson added, "We want it to be a competitive, fantastic market like it's always been." Kristin Larson explained that the main reason they decided to purchase the business was the fear of losing everything the livestock center brought to Sidney. "Everybody came to town on sale day, it was a community day. There was commerce all over town with a lot of it caused by the livestock sale. We want to get the sales back up to where they used to be. We have the opportunity to have Ag at the forefront of the community again with a viable sale barn."

Ground has been broken at the livestock yard to house the new offices of Prewitt & Co, and separately, Sidney Livestock Market Center.

Larson will be visiting with farmers and ranchers in the area and welcomes calls concerning all the services Sidney Livestock Market Center has to offer. "We will try to help market your animals to the best of our ability," he stated. Call 406-482-3513 during the day, or call Tim any time at 406-480-2666.



(L-R) Tim Larson, Mike Yore and Rod Prewitt have opened the new Sidney Livestock Market Center.

## Montana Make It With Wool!

The Montana Make It With Wool contest is coming up soon! The contest's objectives are: to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarns, encourage personal creativity, recognize creative skills and develop life skills. Make plans now to enter this exciting contest. The District 5 contest will be held in Sidney, MT on Thursday, October 18. The contest is open to everyone living in District 5 and includes the categories: Pre-Teen – 12 and under, Juniors – 17-24, Adults age 25 and older, Made for Others (any age), Wearable Accessories- district & state level only (any age). The garments for Juniors, Seniors, Adults and Made for Others may enter in these categories: One-piece garment, Two-piece garment, and Ensemble. Pre-Teens may enter a dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket or a combination. First place winners in the Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others category advance to the state competition held during the Montana Wool Growers convention on November 30 & December 1, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings MT. The Junior and Senior winners are eligible to attend the National Finals January 23 – 26, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. Entry forms and fees are due by October 1. For an entry form or questions please contact Leslie McMillen at 406-569-2020.

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# Drought Challenges All Aspects of Agriculture

By Bob Stallman

One of the greatest attributes of a general farm organization such as Farm Bureau is that it represents farm and ranch families who raise all different types of food and fiber. At the same time, one of the biggest challenges facing a general farm organization is that it represents farm and ranch families who raise all different types of food and fiber. This summer's drought brought that fact clearly into focus.

For the third time in four years, corn prices have topped \$7 a bushel. This year, the price has shot past \$8. Livestock farmers and ranchers are painfully seeing their revenues melt due to lack of forage supplies and high feed costs. Compounding their pain are low prices in the short term due to more animals going to market so they do not have to be fed.

Feeling tremendous economic pressure, livestock producers are calling for relief. One highly visible target is our nation's Renewable Fuels Standard. Many are calling for a waiver. In addition to the drought itself, they blame the government's renewable fuels mandate for higher feed costs. If Farm Bureau just represented cattle, hog or poultry growers, it would be pretty easy to determine our position. Similarly, if all of our members grew only corn, our position would be steadfast.

American agriculture is a big tent. Farm Bureau policy supports livestock producers. It also supports expanding renewable fuels to the maximum amount possible. Therein lies the rub.

So, how does a general farm organization reconcile these two positions, which are both held as fundamental and vital, in a year like this?

The simple answer is with great difficulty and a lot

of conversation. But the complexities of this issue trump simple logic. The economics behind renewable fuels reflect a new reality that goes well beyond the mandate. At today's energy and livestock prices, a bushel of corn is simply worth more passed through a vehicle's tail pipe than it is passed through a chicken or a hog's stomach. In fact, one can make a strong case that a bushel of corn is worth close to \$10 per bushel by extracting all the energy and leaving the protein for an animal feed.

Nearly the entire petroleum refining industry is set up to refine oil to 84 octane content, with ethanol added to boost it to 87 octane. It is actually cheaper for the refining system to produce 87 octane gasoline using ethanol than it is to refine oil to a full 87 octane.

It took the RFS mandate to convince the oil companies of that fact. It is fairly certain that oil companies would revert to a full oil-based fuel and raise the price of gasoline if the renewable mandate were removed.

Further, with oil in the \$80-\$90 per barrel range, one recent study suggested that waiving the RFS in the short-term would only lower the price of corn by roughly 25 cents. Another suggested that corn prices next year would be affected anywhere between nothing and \$1.30 per bushel.

What we are really facing is a problem of low grain stocks and of holding enough reserves to get through this temporary situation. Let me be emphatically clear on this point: re-creating a government stocks program does not work for any sector of production agriculture. History shows that significant price swings are a natural part of the marketing cycle even before ethanol and exports were players in the agricultural sector. One must go back to the 1930s to find the last time we had a severe drought but did not have the dead weight of government stocks hanging over the market. And we saw price swings then very similar to what we are witnessing today.

As farmers and ranchers, whether a producer of crops or livestock, we know weather and markets are fickle, taking the shape of friend one minute and foe the next. Risk protection tools help smooth out those peaks and valleys, always with an eye toward a better tomorrow.

But there is no denying the fact that livestock producers are in a period of fundamental change. The challenges they face cannot be minimized. As an organization, Farm Bureau will continue to have the internal discussion and work through our policy process as we always have. We are all of agriculture and will work toward finding the solution that represents the combined will and wisdom of our diverse membership. We are all in this together and we are in it for the long haul.

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# Spotlight on Economics:

# **The Hole in the Farm Safety Net**

The proposed farm bills (with one exception) for the 2013-17 period are languishing in Congress and have a hole in the safety net. It would take a few years to expose the hole and odds now seem low that it would occur, but it is there just waiting.

The main safety net is crop insurance, with revenue insurance being the most popular type of policy. It accounted for 85 percent of the 189 million acres of corn, soybeans and wheat that were insured this year.

Revenue insurance uses average production history (APH) yield multiplied by price and then multiplied by level of coverage to determine the amount of revenue guarantee. Therefore, if the APH or price declines, so will the guarantee. The price used is determined from a relatively short period, which is one month.

Fortunately, we have experienced several years of historically high prices which have provided a strong crop insurance safety net. Unfortunately, this period, not coincidentally, has ushered in record high costs. For example, the cost per acre of raising wheat in North Dakota has doubled since 2006.

The hole in the safety net will be exposed when there is a significant drop in prices. The crop insurance revenue guarantee will fall but costs likely will remain high, at least initially. Potentially, this can expose producers to a large financial loss.

In this situation, what can shore up income? Shallow-loss programs such as the proposed Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) of the Senate farm bill and the Revenue Loss Program (RLC) of the House farm bill are designed to only cover up to 10 percent of crop income shortfalls when certain criteria are met. Also, these programs have similar shortcomings as revenue crop insurance does, but they are slower-acting. Limited payments are made when a calculated "actual crop revenue" is less than a calculated "benchmark revenue." Five-year Olympic average marketing year prices are used in the determination of the benchmark revenue. The impact of falling prices on these safety nets is slower because a multiyear average price is used.

In concept, the programs that provide the last line of defense against the impact of falling prices and could stuff this hole in the farm safety net are the current Marketing Loan and Countercyclical Payment programs and the proposed Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program in the House farm bill.

Loan rates under the current Marketing Loan program are an old component of the farm safety net dating back to the 1933 farm bill. Its mechanisms have evolved through time, but the loan rate essentially puts a revenue floor on each bushel produced. The higher the loan rate, the better the safety net. From 1998 through 2001, market prices were at or below loan rates and large loan deficiency payments were made to producers. However, loan rates have not kept pace to protect revenue against ever-escalating production costs.

Loan rates have changed little during the past 18 years. In fact, the current soybean loan rate is lower than it was in 1980! During the past five years (2007 through 2011), loan rates averaged less than one-half of market prices. All farm program proposals have no change in loan rates.

The Countercyclical Payment (CCP) program was initiated in the 2002 farm bill after a series of ad hoc disaster bills during low price years was necessary to shore up farm income. Countercyclical payments are determined by the relationship of target prices to market prices. If market prices are below the effective target price, payments are triggered.

Unlike loan deficiency payments, these payments are not tied to current production. Instead, payments are made based on historic production (program yields and base acres). Like loan rates, CCP target prices are too low to be considered an adequate safety net. CCP is eliminated in the 2012 farm bills proposed in both the Senate and House versions.

The best chance to plug the hole in the price safety net is the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program proposed in the House farm bill. Producers would have to choose between the PLC and RLC shallow-loss program if this bill becomes law.

Like the current CCP program, PLC payments are made when the market price is lower than a target or reference price. However, payments are made on 85 percent of current planted acres, not on historic base acres.

The PLC reference prices are much higher than the CCP target prices. For instance, the reference price under PLC would be \$8.40 per bushel for soybeans, compared with the effective target price of \$5.56 per bushel under CCP.



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# Beery Family Tradition of Farming As Rich as the Soil They Farm

By Jaimee Green

Back in the 1940s, Danny Beery probably never intentionally set out to start a family tradition that would stretch not only across the vast Montana farm lands, but also across generations. Yet, a half-a-century later, the Richey farmer is the second of four generations proud to call themselves farmers and ranchers.

Today, the Beery family is still farming the same soil, combining the same fields and running cattle through the same pastures as their family has done for generations.

The Beery's farming roots took hold in Iowa long before the dust bowl era when Danny's father, Harold, raised corn. But, it was in the 1940s that Harold moved out west to be closer to his brother Newell, also a farmer, and settled nine miles west of Richey near Sullivan Creek.

Today, Danny is assisted by his sons, Rondel and Jess, who also have farms of their own that are situated in a circle around the origi-



**Pictured (L-R) David, Spot (the dog), Rondel, Lanette, Seth & Danielle Beery.**



**The Beery family combining winter wheat (L-R) Danny, Jess, Lanette, Danielle and Rondel.**

nal farming homestead. His grandchildren are farmers and ranchers as well.

Rondel's wife, Lanette, also assists. In fact, she's given credit for seeding 95 percent of their spring wheat and winter wheat crops each year. After growing up in a farming family at Richey, it seemed quite natural for her to marry into one. For 25 years she has worked alongside her husband, assisting with everything from driving semi trucks and combines to feeding cows and pulling calves.

There was never any question about whether the tradition would continue with their children. Their son, David, 19, and daughter, Danielle, 21, have aspirations of continuing the farming tradition with their own land one day. After graduating from Richey High School in 2011, David knew he wanted to start farming and already has his own land and his own herd of Black Angus cattle. "I think I started working cows as soon as I was old enough to know what a cow was. It's a lifestyle I have always known and I can't imagine doing anything else," David said.

Today, he is more involved on the cattle side of the family business and is responsible for managing the entire cattle herd. "He's really something of a nerd when it comes to the genetics of cattle. But, it's always been his passion," Rondel said. David rents farmland as well

from his grandpa Herb, Lanette's father and plans to try raising dry land corn next spring.

Recently married, Danielle and her husband Seth, also take part in the family business with Danielle driving combine alongside her mother for seven weeks out of the year, cutting thousands of acres and knocking out some 450 acres a day when the going is good. She also recently graduated from Dickinson State and received a Degree in business and accounting.

Working together over the years, a silent system has developed with everyone knowing their role and anticipating what needs to get done. Although they admit it gets stressful during the busy season of simultaneously calving and seeding, it's a lifestyle they wouldn't trade for anything. Along with their own dry land farms, they also custom cut for others. "It seems like we are the first ones to start the season off and the last ones to get done. But we don't complain. This is the best lifestyle there is and we love it," Rondel said.

No farming family would be complete without a cow dog and, though retired at 17 years old, Spot, their black and white blue heeler, Border collie mix, is still an active part of the family.

There are other traditions in the Beery family as well. "We don't miss the Sidney Fair no matter how busy we are with harvest. We just get in the pickup and head to town because it's something the family enjoys doing together," Rondel said.

With the family working side by side throughout the years they've had their share of mishaps that today they look back on and enjoy razzing each other about on special occasions. "When Danielle was 11 years old she was driving a combine and I was driving a semi and we collided and wrecked them both. It was fair time so Grandpa Danny said "we will fix it later" and they headed to town. We still argue to this day about whose fault it was," Rondel said.

Although they share the chores that go along with farming and ranching, it isn't very often they get all four combines in the same field together at the same time. But, at least once a year they try to just for the fun of it. Over the years, it too has

become something of a tradition.

Through the generations, it seems the pioneering spirit of perseverance has not been lost. "Our winter wheat crop was good this year and our spring wheat crop was very disappointing. We cut thousands of acres of 50 bushel straw and wheat only yielding in the twenties. It was just too hot and dry in our area. But, prices were good so we aren't complaining. We'll just try again next year," Rondel said.

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# Cool Stored Grain

Warm temperatures may have helped this year's grain harvest, but those temperatures also may have created conditions that can cause stored grain to deteriorate.

"Harvested grain temperatures of about 100 degrees are being reported," says Ken Hellevang, a North Dakota State University Extension Service agricultural engineer.

The optimum temperature for insect infestations and mold growth is about 80 degrees. Temperatures below about 70 degrees slow insect reproduction and feeding activity, and insects are dormant below about 50 degrees.

Hellevang says the best way to keep stored grain from deteriorating or becoming infested with insects is to cool it.

The allowable storage time, which is related to mold growth, is approximately doubled for each 10 degrees the grain is cooled. For example, the allowable storage time of 16 percent moisture content wheat is about 40 days at 80 degrees, 70 days at 70 degrees, 120 days at 60 degrees and 230 days at 50 degrees.

Most allowable storage time (AST) charts are for maintaining commercial grain quality. However, germination is lost due to fungi growth on the germ in less time than the commercial grain AST charts indicate. For example, the allowable storage time for 14 percent moisture malting barley, based on germination, actually is about 70 days at 80 degrees, 175 days at 70 degrees and 430 days at 60 degrees.

Stored grain should be cooled with an aeration system immediately after harvest. The goal should be to cool it to near or below 70 degrees, Hellevang says. As temperatures drop in the fall, stored grain will need to be cooled again, using aeration, whenever outdoor temperatures are 10 to 15 degrees cooler than grain temperatures.

In North Dakota, the typical August minimum temperature is about 60 degrees and the average high is about 80 degrees. September's average minimum temperatures is about 50 degrees and the average maximum temperature is about 70 degrees. Thus, running the fans at night will reduce the grain temperature below 70 degrees during August, and continuous fan operation even will cool the grain during September.

To estimate the cooling time of 56 pounds-per-bushel grain, divide 15 by the airflow rate. For example, about 75 hours of fan time is required to cool the grain using an airflow rate of 0.2 cubic feet per minute per bushel.

Cooling times are the ratio of 56 pounds and the weight for grain with a different weight. For example, barley with a weight of 48 pounds per bushel will cool more quickly than corn at 56 pounds per bushel (48 divided by 56, which equals 0.86).

The grain temperature eventually should be cooled to about 25 degrees for winter storage in northern climates and 30 to 40 degrees in southern states. Air takes the path

of least resistance, so cooling times will vary within a bin or grain storage. Measure grain temperature at several locations to ensure that all the grain has been cooled.

Moisture migration is another issue in stored grain, according to Hellevang. Moisture migration will increase the grain moisture content near the top center of the stored grain if the grain is about 20 degrees warmer than the average outdoor temperature.

That occurs because the air in the grain void spaces near the perimeter of the bin will cool as outdoor temperatures cool. The cool air will settle to the bottom of the bin along the bin perimeter, pushing air in the middle of the bin upward. As this air approaches cooler grain on or near the top surface of the bin, moisture will move from the air to the grain.

These convection currents can increase the moisture content of the grain at or near the top surface by several percentage points, leading to grain deterioration. The magnitude of moisture problems due to moisture migration increases with bin size. Cooling the grain as outdoor temperatures cool reduces the convection currents and moisture migration.

Grain stores best when it is dry, clean and cool. Weed seeds and fine foreign material, which usually are wetter than the grain, will accumulate in the center when the grain is loaded into a bin without a distributor, which can cause storage problems. This material should be removed from the grain by using a grain cleaner before placing the grain in the bin or by removing some of the grain from the bin after it has been filled, which sometimes is referred to as coring the bin.

"Stored grain must be monitored so insect infestations or grain spoilage can be detected before serious losses occur," Hellevang advises. "Check stored grain biweekly during the critical fall months before the grain has been cooled to the winter storage temperature. After the grain has been cooled to winter storage temperature, check the grain at least monthly. Check and record the grain temperature and condition at several locations."

Temperature history can be used to detect grain warming, which may indicate storage problems. Look for indications of problems, such as condensation on the roof or crusting of the grain surface. Probe to examine grain below the surface.

"If inspecting for insects, bring a grain sample indoors if the grain temperature is below 50 degrees and allow it to warm to room temperature," Hellevang says. "Place the grain on a white surface and examine it for any insect activity."

"Fumigation is not recommended when grain is stored at temperatures below 60 degrees," he adds. "Most storage problems can be controlled during the winter by cooling the grain."





# Two Montana Horses Infected With West Nile Virus

Montana's state veterinarian is advising equine owners to consult their veterinarians about West Nile vaccination after two horses turned up positive for the disease.

"We have two positives and know there are positive mosquito pools, so it's prudent for equine owners to consider vaccination," said Dr. Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock.

Equine owners should also be familiar with clinical signs of the disease, he said, which are variable and may include:

- Loss of appetite and depression;
- Progressing lameness and/or weakness/paralysis of limbs;
- Loss of coordination;
- Muzzle twitching;
- Impaired vision;

- Convulsions;
- Inability to swallow;
- Behavioral changes;
- Coma.

WNV mimics other serious neurological diseases like sleeping sickness, equine encephalitis and rabies, and should be immediately reported so that a licensed veterinarian can make a diagnosis.

Although most equines recover from the disease, WNV kills about a third of the horses infected. There is no specific treatment for WNV in equines, although supportive care consistent with standard veterinary practice for animals with a viral infection is recommended.

Vaccination is an effective and inexpensive way to prevent the disease, Zaluski said, and is recommended as a core vaccine by the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

Consult your local veterinarian to develop a preventive health plan that includes WNV vaccination.

WNV was first found on the east coast of the U.S. in 1999. Since then, the disease has spread westward, arriving in Montana in 2002. WNV knows no boundaries within the state, and has been found statewide. The two infected horses, located in Carbon and Powder River counties, are the state's first since 2009, when 14 positives were reported.

Earlier this year, researchers at Montana State University expected the worst when unusually high numbers of mosquitoes were found around the state. Greg Johnson, veterinary entomologist at MSU's Department of Animal & Range Sciences, says mosquito numbers have dropped the past couple of weeks but that concerns remain.

"Mosquito season can last through September and even into October, so we're not out of the woods yet," Johnson said.

Effective mosquito control helps decrease the potential for spreading the disease. Watering troughs should be cleaned thoroughly and regularly, and standing water where mosquitoes breed should be managed if possible. A variety of water treatments that kill fly and mosquito larvae but are nontoxic to animals are commercially available.

Montana has also had one case of WNV in humans this year.



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# MSU Extension Offers Wildfire and Drought Resources

With experts predicting Montana's wildfire season will extend through September and drought conditions in the state expanding, Montana State University Extension is continuing to offer webinar sessions and online resources to assist ranchers, businesses and families struggling with wildfire and drought.

The interactive webinars address topics relevant to those impacted by the current fire and drought environment. Archived sessions include: "Minimizing Potential Wildfire Damage," "Drought Management Strategies for Beef Cattle Producers," "Managing Stress during Natural Disasters," and "Variability in Stock Water Quality and Changes Due to Drought." These free sessions can be viewed via [www.msueextension.org/wildfire](http://www.msueextension.org/wildfire)

at any time.

To participate in Thursday's live and in-

teractive webinar, visit, <http://www.msueextensionconnect.org/fire>. Select "Enter as Guest," type your full name in the text box, then click "Enter Room."

The Montana State University Extension Fire and Drought Webinar sessions will be held each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. through Sept. 13. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Sept. 6 – "Rangeland Recovery," presented by Jeff Mosley, MSU Extension range specialist.

Sept. 13 – "Managing Weeds After Wildfire," presented by Jane Mangold, MSU extension rangeland weed specialist.

In addition, MSU Extension has been updating a list of online fire and drought resources, including guidelines for home evacuations, and cost-effective and immediate actions that can be taken to increase chances that a home will survive a wildfire, and tips for managing livestock in drought conditions. The resources are located online at [www.msueextension.org/wildfire](http://www.msueextension.org/wildfire).



## NDSU Holding Clinic for New Shepherds

### NDSU Agriculture Communication

New shepherds will have an opportunity to learn about sheep production and nutrition during a clinic at North Dakota State University's Hettinger Research Extension Center on Sept. 22.

"We are hosting an educational field day for individuals with new sheep flocks," NDSU Extension Service sheep specialist Reid Redden says. "This program was designed to support the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association's starter flock program; however, it is open to anyone interested in the basics of sheep production.

"Sheep are a good livestock enterprise for youth, families who have off-the-farm jobs or existing livestock enterprises seeking diversification," Redden adds. "New sheep operations are attractive because individuals can start small and build as they go. Plus, sheep operations do not require large startup capital, large amounts of land, or expensive facilities and equipment. Within a

few years, new shepherds can rapidly grow their flock and build a sustainable production system."

The clinic, which is free of charge, will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The educational portion of the program starts at 10. Topics and presenter include:

- \* Sheep production overview - Redden
- \* Sheep nutrition - Chris Schauer, Hettinger Research Extension Center director and animal scientist
- \* Lambing barn management - Rick Schmidt, Oliver County Extension agent

\* Sheep production budgeting - Lyle Warner, sheep producer and Bismarck State College economics lecturer. The clinic also will include an overview of shepherding equipment, a session on animal-handling techniques, tour of the Hettinger center's sheep facilities, question-and-answer session and the starter flock recipient load-out.

A noon lunch will be available for purchase.

For more information or to register, contact Redden at [reid.redden@ndsu.edu](mailto:reid.redden@ndsu.edu) or (701) 231-5597.

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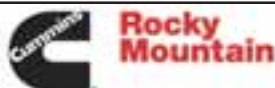
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# Montana Stockgrowers Announces October Release of Montana Ranching Photography Book



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In early October, the Montana Stockgrowers Association will release *Big Sky Boots: Working Seasons of a Montana Cowboy*, a coffee table photography book featuring the work of MSGA's multimedia outreach specialist, Lauren Chase. Chase has spent the past year and a half gathering photographs for the book, traveling in sunshine and snow to ranches across Montana. The book takes the reader on a journey through a year in the life of Montana's cowboys—through calving, branding, and shipping, and everything in between.

"Our goal with this project has been to create a unique, fun, engaging and interactive way to tell the story of Montana's ranching families that raise the beef that consumers all across the world enjoy," said Chase. "There seems to be a growing disconnect as people, even here in Montana, are losing touch with what goes on at ranches and farms, and where our food comes from."

*Big Sky Boots* is part of a larger project to bring beef eaters closer to the people who raise and care for cattle. The project uses social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to tell the stories of Montana's ranching

families through photo albums, audio slide shows, and videos.

The book connects the social media platforms to the printed page. "Something really unique to our book is that we have included QR codes that people can scan with their smartphones," Chase said. "They can go to MSGA's YouTube channel to watch a video of the rancher featured in the book and hear directly from him about his life. In that way we've really tried to marry the traditional print media with the social media

that seems to be central in so many people's lives today."

One hallmark of *Big Sky Boots* is that the photos are largely untouched or enhanced by photo editing software. "A lot of books that are out there right now depict a romanticized view of the West and of the cowboy lifestyle," Chase said. "We wanted to make sure to show life as it really is on Montana's ranches. I think there is a tremendous amount of natural beauty in the pictures and it gives the reader a glimpse into the life of a real cowboy in Montana."

*Big Sky Boots* is the first book in a series of five books that MSGA will develop over the next five years. The next book, already in production, will feature the women that are an essential part of today's ranching families.

To learn more about this project and to pre-order a copy of the book, visit [www.mtbef.org](http://www.mtbef.org). The books are \$75, which includes shipping and handling. The profits from the book will help support the continuation of MSGA's "Telling the Story of Montana's Family Ranchers" project into the future. To see Chase's photography and other multimedia work, be sure to visit MSGA's Facebook page or YouTube channel.



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- 6'x11' Single-Axle Trailer
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- Pickup Box Trailer



**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Lloyd has decided to sell many of his antiques and collectibles. They are in "mint" condition. Many are on display boards that he had made to show in parades. Lloyd's brother-in-law has consigned part of his gun collection. There is a nice variety at this sale. We hope to see you on October 6th!

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## MSU News Service

Two entomologists who live out of state but want others to benefit from their careers have donated collections to Montana State University.

One collection is the professional library of a world expert on a large family of beetles. The 20-cubic-foot collection includes rare books that few entomologists have the opportunity to consult first-hand.

The other collection consists of fabric made with the silk produced by wild moths. It also includes cocoons, unspun silk fibers, artifacts, and written material that explains how indigenous people collect and process wild silk.

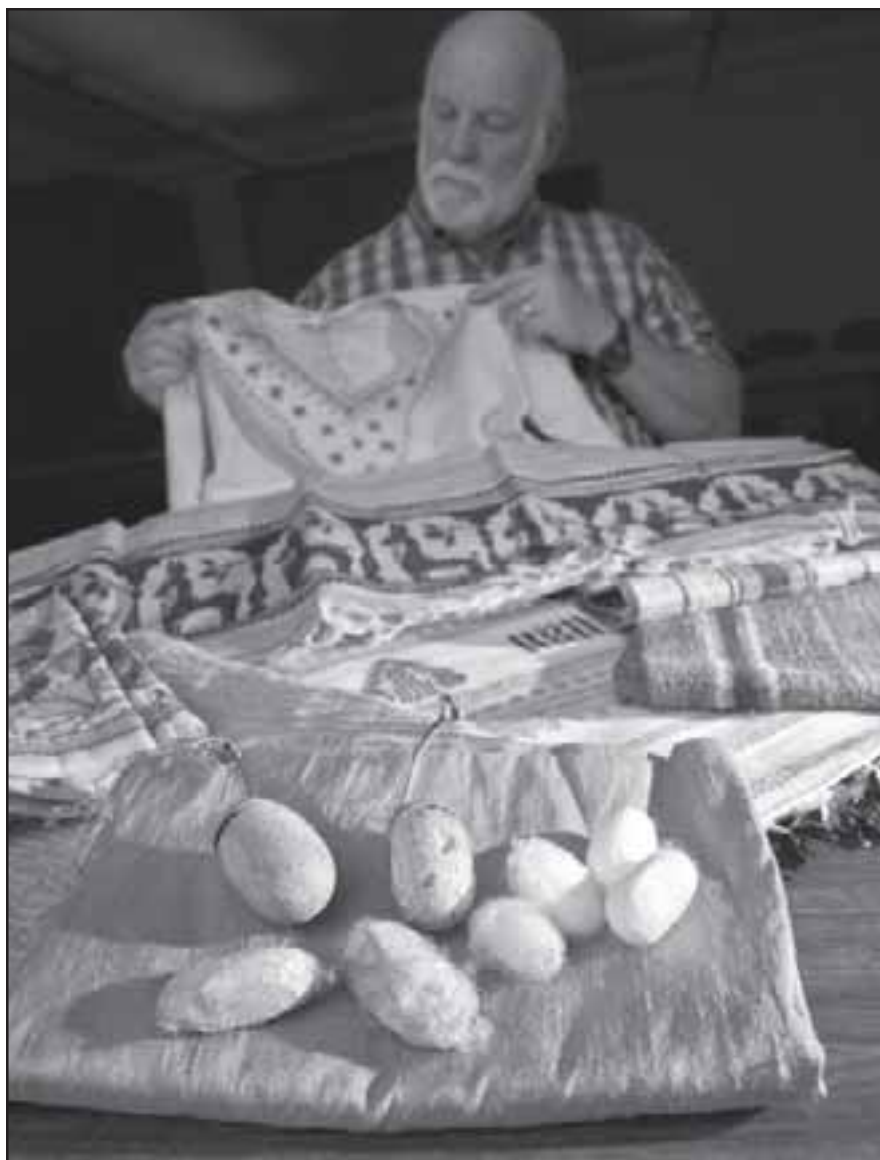
"We were really honored," said MSU entomologist Michael Ivie, curator of the Montana Entomology Collection which is housed on campus and is one of the oldest research collections in Montana. Both donations will join that collection.

John Doyen, professor emeritus of entomology at the University of California, said he decided to donate his academic library to MSU because he wanted his library to be used and not merely stored. Since he and Ivie have both worked on the same groups of beetles, he was sure Ivie would use it.

"Moreover, Dr. Ivie is a highly regarded and productive taxonomist, certainly one of the authorities in the field today," Doyen said. "... I am pleased that my collection is going to Montana State and feel certain that it will be well utilized."

After recently meeting Ivie and Ivie's wife, Donna, Doyen said he felt confident that MSU was a perfect match for his collection.

Ivie, like Doyen, studies groups of beetles known as Tenebrionidae, Zopheridae and related families. Tenebrionidae are a family of beetles that are a "huge, huge, very important group, both economically and ecologically," Ivie said. The beetles can be as small as 1/20<sup>th</sup> of an inch or as large as three inches long. Some are grain storage pests. Some feed on and destroy the roots of commercial food crops. Many live in the soil. They live all over the world.



Michael Ivie displays some of the textiles he recently received from a Texas professor. The fabric was made with the silk produced by wild moths. In front are brown cocoons made by wild moths. The white and yellow cocoons were made by domesticated moths. (MSU photo by Kelly Gorham)



Ivie has also assembled the world's largest collection of West Indies beetles. He is past-president of the Entomological Society of America, past-president of the Coleopterists Society and a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.

Richard S. Peigler, a biology professor at a private Catholic university, the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, donated part of his wild silk collection to MSU. MSU is one of 14 universities and museums that have received his wild silks in the past several years, Peigler said. He prefers giving them to institutions in the Southeast and Western interior because "too many such cool things are concentrated in the Northeast, Midwest and California."

Once he photographs and studies a piece, he no longer needs to keep it, Peigler added.

Shortly before Ivie headed to California to prepare the academic library for travel, he said the two donations were unexpected and highly appreciated. He hadn't decided yet how to display the fabrics, but said they would be secured to avoid theft and damage. Clothes moths and fur-, hide- and skin-beetles would eat the fabrics if they had a chance.

Both collections will be accessible to MSU students, as well as internal and external researchers, Ivie said. He said he already knows of at least two courses in MSU's Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology that could incorporate the collections. They are his class on insect identification and Kevin O'Neill's course on general entomology.

Entomologists from all over the United States and the world visit MSU to conduct research, and the new collections should attract even more, Ivie said.

Ivie has studied Tenebrionidae beetles for several years and estimated that he has collected hundreds of species and tens of thousands of individuals. But classifying them is difficult, he said, especially since the entomologists gen-

erally have to rely on old literature that's difficult to access. Scientists often request those materials through inter-library loan and receive poor quality photocopies that are hard to decipher.

Doyen's donation includes some original books and drawings, Ivie said. Among them are hand-colored plates, a British book published during World War II by one of the world's top coleopterists, and a first edition "Beetles of the United States," a book that "nobody has."

Fabrics in the wild silk collection came from China, Nigeria, Java, Namibia's Kalahari Desert and other countries in the form of scarves, shawls, wall hangings, an antique handkerchief and fabric samples. Peigler said he believes in preserving wild silks because the demand for them is falling and wild moth populations are declining. The moths live in a variety of settings, including rainforests and deserts.

"A lot of factors are coming into play now, and these wild silks will be less and less available," Peigler said.

Ivie said most silk today is made by domesticated silkworms that eat mulberries, but 12 of the 13 fabrics in the wild silk collection were made by four of the five moth families that produce wild silk. People collected their cocoons and nests, unraveled the silk, spun the silk into thread and wove the thread into fabric.

One scarf from India carries a note that said its plaid pattern was introduced by Scottish missionaries in the 1770s. Ivie said a swatch from Africa could have special significance because the silk was so nasty to obtain. Instead of coming from cocoons, the silk came from entire nests. The men who collected it had to wear gloves, degum the silk, and pluck hair from the nests.

"Somebody really had to care. Think about how easy it is to get cotton thread," Ivie said. "It has to be a very high pride thing or some kind of spiritual value or something for somebody to put that much effort into it."

**The brown cocoons on the left side of the photo were made by wild moths. The white and yellow cocoons were made by domesticated moths. All are part of a collection recently donated to MSU. (MSU photo by Kelly Gorham)**



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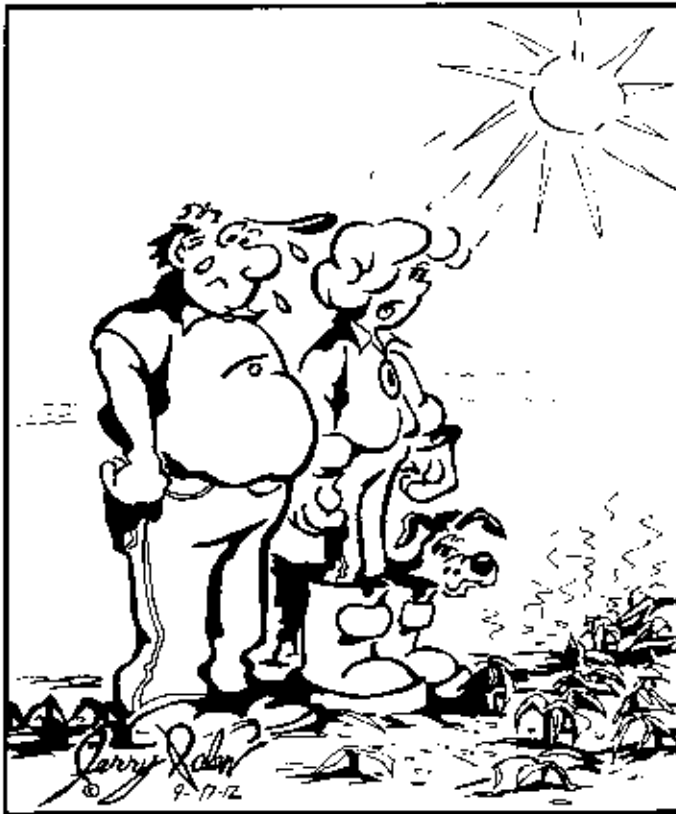
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*Ken Overcast is the real deal. In this day and age of plastic throw away everything, to find someone that is really genuine is a treat indeed. While many in the performing arts tend towards honing an act that is saleable, Ken strives very diligently to just be himself. His music, writing, and public performances are characterized by a down home connection that is indeed rare. He is a third generation Montanan, and is truly making a mark on America's entertainment. Both Ken's recording and writing have been very prolific. Having written about half of the music he's recorded, there are currently eight CDs in his Bear Valley Records catalogue. Visions of several more recordings are in various stages of planning, with available time being the only constraint. His CD Montana Cowboy was named Cowboy CD of the Year by True West Magazine, and contains the song Montana Lullaby, co-written with Wylie Gustafson, which was selected as The Official Lullaby of the State of Montana in an act by the Montana Legislature. The most recent recording project, entitled Montana In My Soul, expounds upon Ken's love for the West and his home in particular.*

*His first book, Yesterday's Yarns, was published in 2003 and quickly went into several successive reprints. He has authored five popular books of short stories to date, with*

*yet another scheduled for release in the fall of 2012. Ken's fourth book, Sittin' 'Round the Stove, Stories From the Real West, garnered the Will Rogers Medallion Award in the fall of 2009, and the most recent title published is entitled Fables From the Far Far West. He's also the author of a popular syndicated column entitled Meadow Muffins, and is the host of a nationally syndicated radio program, The Cowboy Show with Ken Overcast, which features both contemporary cowboy music and interviews, as well as a look back into the past with memories from a few old time cowboys.*

*Born into a ranching family, he was raised in northern Montana on a section of the Milk River known as "Paradise Valley". He literally grew up on a horse, and attended a rural school with three classmates. He and his wife Dawn were childhood sweethearts, and run a commercial cow/calf operation on Lodge Creek, as well as entertaining audiences all over the West. Their ranch is located within fifteen miles of where 100 years of both sides of their family have made their homes. Dawn's only complaint is that, "He is always running off somewhere to play that darned guitar, and leaving me home to do all the work." Ken has been teamed with Nashville Producer, Russ Ragsdale for many years, and together they have eight CD recordings under their belts. National recognition was just a matter of time. Besides a host of nominations, Ken was crowned the Western Music Association Yodeler of the Year, and was awarded the coveted Will Rogers Award by the Academy of Western Artists.*

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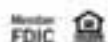
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# MSU-Led Team Unravels Moth Mystery

By Evelyn  
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A female moth sitting on a goal post could attract a male moth on the other end of a football field. And even if she switched her scent over time, the male could still find her because of a mutation to a single gene in his antenna.

A team of researchers led by Montana State University entomologist Kevin Wanner identified that gene after seeing how it adapted to even the slightest change in the chemicals female moths emit to attract males. The scientists explained their findings in the Aug. 13 online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

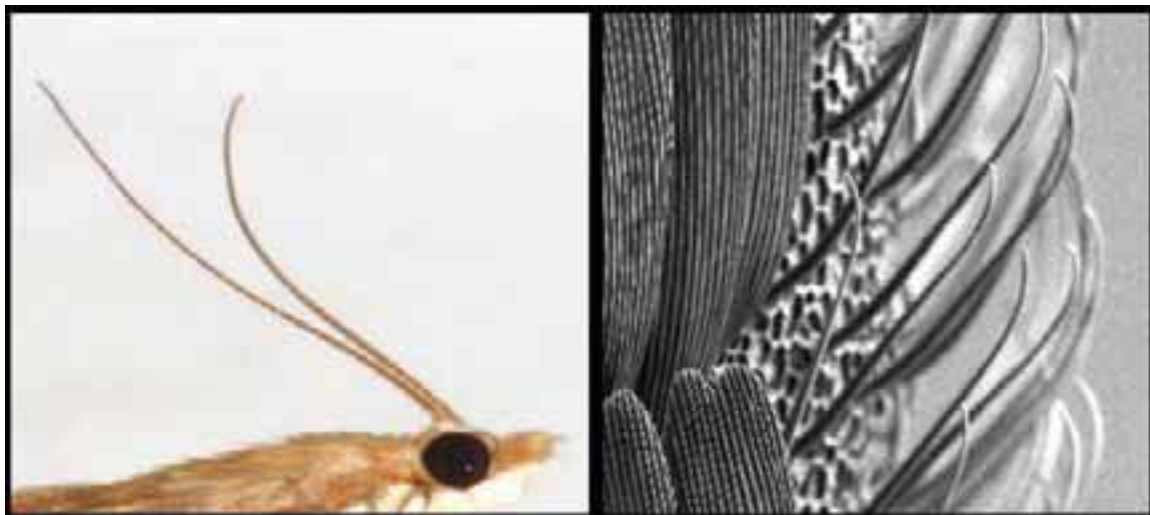
Understanding the genetics behind moth communication could lead to natural ways to control pests, said Wanner,

who has dual assignments in the Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology and MSU Extension. Scientists could someday design new scents that would make it impossible for male moths to find females of the same species. The European corn borer alone is one of the most damaging insect pests of corn throughout the United States and Canada. The losses it causes and the cost to control it is estimated at more than \$1 billion each year.

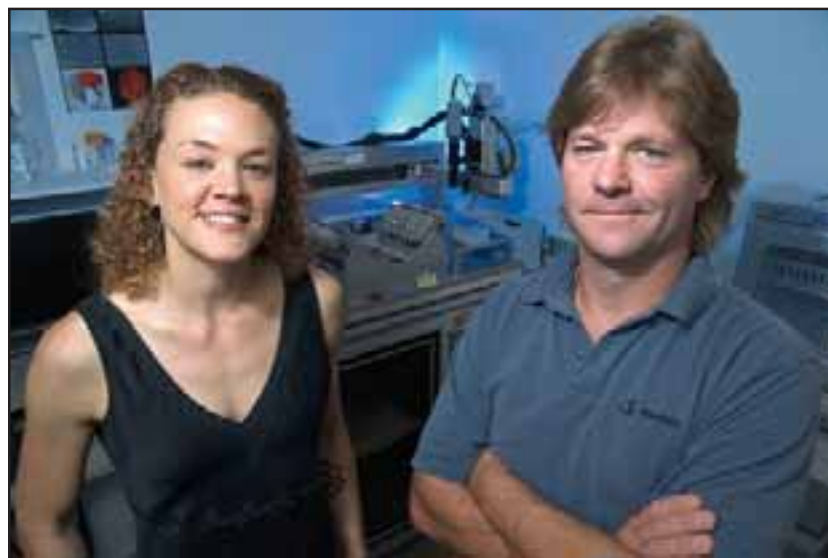
In the meantime, the discovery that involved hundreds of moths, an MSU-University of Montana collaboration, and a vital piece of equipment adds to the basic understanding of insect genetics, Wanner said. One area of interest focuses on the genetic barriers that keep moths from mating outside their own species.

Scientists have studied communication between male and female moths and butterflies for more than a century. They found the first sex pheromones in moths 50 years ago. But they still know little about the molecular mechanics that make communication so specific to a species, Wanner said. In some cases, different moth species are so much alike that scientists can only tell them apart by their different pheromones.

Pheromones are the blends of chemical odors that females emit to attract males of the same species for mating. If the ratio or chemicals themselves change during the evolution of a new species, the male needs to



At left is a moth head and antennae. At right, taken through a scanning electron microscope, are sensory hairs on the antenna. (Photo by Kevin Wanner)



Jean Allen and Kevin Wanner of MSU are part of a team that discovered how male moths can find females of the same species even if her scent changes over time. Behind Allen and Wanner is the Opus Xpress instrument that was vital to the finding. (Photo by Kelly Gorham)



adapt or he won't be able to find the female. How male moths adapt to pheromone changes in females has been a long-standing question.

Female moths release just nanograms — a billionth of a gram — of pheromone from a gland at the tip of their abdomen, Wanner said. He added that this amount is far too small for humans to smell, but male moths within 300 feet of the females can detect it with the sensory cells on their antennae.

The journey that led to the PNAS paper began in 2008 when Wanner came to MSU. It continued in 2009 when Jean Allen became a master's degree student in Wanner's laboratory. Allen — who earned her undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University — received her master's degree in December 2010 and is now a research associate in Wanner's lab.

She started her thesis work by obtaining live corn borer moths raised in colonies at Cornell University in New York, from collaborator and coauthor Charles Linn Jr., Allen said. She extracted RNA, genetic material from the male moths' antennae, to find the receptor genes that detect the female pheromone. She identified the probable receptor of interest.

Wanner then turned to Greg Leary and Michael Kavanaugh in the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience at the University of Montana. Since Wanner didn't have an instrument to analyze male moth receptors to see how they responded to a parade of different pheromones, the two tested the receptors with their equipment. They also

made a series of mutations that were later confirmed by Allen. After Wanner was able to buy an Opus Xpress instrument, Leary helped train Allen how to use it.

After analyzing several receptors and 47 possibilities for amino acid mutations, the collaborators finally found the one that clearly provided an adaptation to the changing pheromone structure.

It was a eureka moment, according to Allen and Wanner.

"It was a lot of work," Wanner added. "We had no rational way to know which one it was."

He noted that the Opus Xpress instrument was critical for their discovery. Commonly used in pharmacology and medical research to study how different drugs interact with their target receptor, the instrument in this case allowed the researchers to study, in the lab, how the pheromone receptors in the male moth responded to different pheromone chemicals.

"Without this instrument, we would not have been able to identify the critical receptor and identify the specific mutation in that receptor that allowed it to adapt to a new pheromone structure," Wanner said.

Leary is lead author on the PNAS paper. Co-authors in addition to Allen, Wanner, Kavanaugh and Linn are Peggy Bunger, a research associate in Wanner's lab, Jena Luginbill at UM, and Irene Macallister from the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center in Champaign, Ill.

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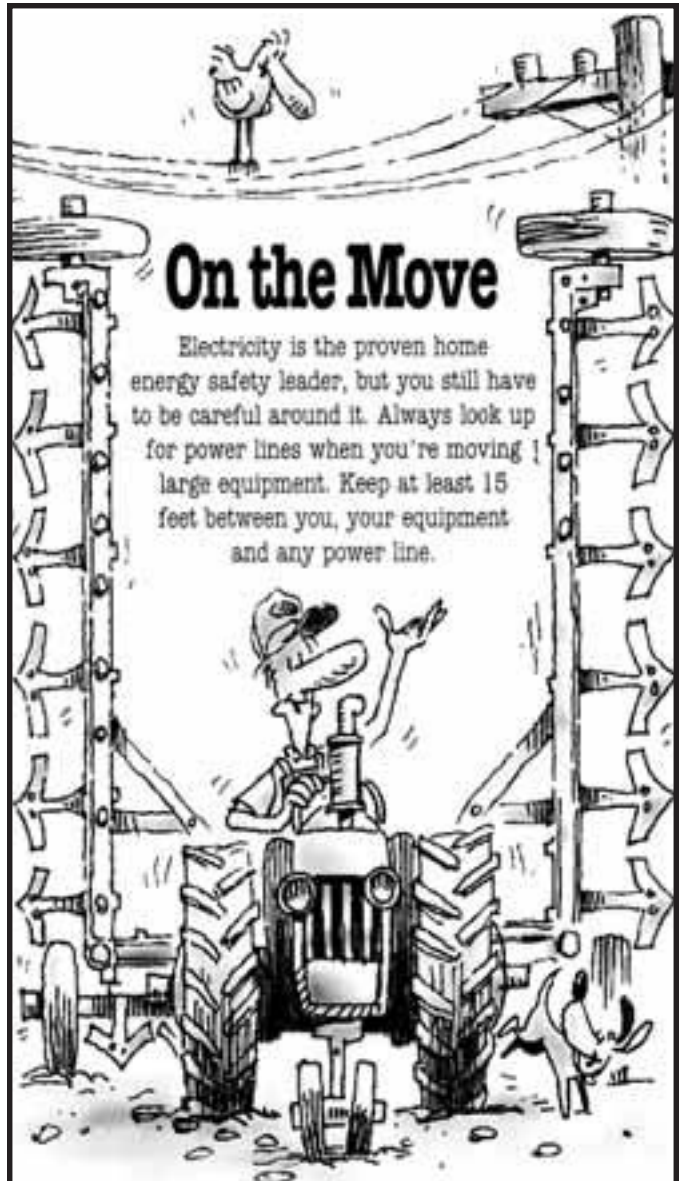


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## Bear-ly Scared

### *By Ken Overcast*

It had been a good fall, the cattle were all shipped and the cows were in a fresh field with lots of grass, so Dick and Billy got the urge to go elk huntin'.

"How 'bout we load up our horses and some groceries and head up to the Bob Marshall Wilderness?" Dick hiccupped as he finished off his breakfast. (A barley sandwich.)

"That's a heck of a good idea," Billy belched in reply. "We can take along our fishin' poles, too. You gather up some grub, an' I'll run in the horses. I'm sick o' fixin' fence anyway."

In a couple of hours the two ramshackle cowboys were rattlin' their way towards the mighty Rocky Mountains with their pickup box loaded down with gear and a trailer load of horses draggin' behind. Now, Dick was a pretty experienced hunter and had been in the "Bob" lots of times in his younger days, but the only wild game experience Billy ever had was with the barmaid down at the Stockman.

"Ain't there bears up there?" Billy asked his pardner, trying not to sound too scared.

"Yea!" Dick grinned with a gleam in his eye. "We might just get one o' them too!"

"All we got is a couple of elk licenses," Billy stumbled. "We better not mess with no bears."

"Now, how in the dickens is a bear gonna know if 'n we got a license 'er not?" Dick grinned again as he shifted the old pickup down to pull a hill.

They got to the jump off point at the trailhead into the wilderness just as the sun was going down, and made camp there. The next morning they were off shortly before daylight, riding a couple of their best mounts and leading three packhorses all loaded up with their gear. Billy was a little spooked about bein' in bear country, although he didn't want to let on (Cowboys are tough, you know.) ... but he finally confessed.

"I never did like bears too much," he remarked as bravely as he could, looking over his shoulder. "What 'r you figgerin' on doin' with one if you get 'im?"

"Heck, we'll just camp out up here 'til we eat him up. Nuthin' like a good bear steak."

They were two days packin' in on the trail and pitched their camp in a big meadow beside a little stream that was running over with trout. It was just like

bein' in Paradise. The next morning found them up at daylight again, in earnest search of the elk they were sure they'd find.

Oh, they found them alright, but didn't have much luck. Billy shot up all of his shells in the first half a day and couldn't hit a thing. Dick didn't have any luck either, but had only gotten off a shot or two. Their guns were different sizes, so poor ol' Billy was just up the creek.

"I told you to bring more shells."

"I was gonna, but there wouldn't have been enough room for the beer."

That seemed like a reasonable argument, and Billy was enjoying the ride and the scenery anyway.

Along about two o'clock in the afternoon on the way back to camp, what should they jump but a big black bear. Dick didn't have time for a shot as the old bruin loped down a slope and into his den in the rocks, with the boys in hot pursuit. Well, to be honest the boys really weren't in agreement about just how fun this was. Dick was in hot pursuit, but Billy was taggin' along at a fairly safe distance. When they got up to the den, they had a problem. They knew he was in there, but it was too dark in the hole to get a decent shot. Dick leveled his rifle at the door of the cave, but Mr. Bruin was too smart for that. They could hear him in there, but he wouldn't come back out.

After a few minutes of waiting, it was time for another plan.

"Go throw a rock in there, Billy," Dick ordered, still peering down his gun barrel.

"Not me! I don't like bears, remember!"

"Dang it, Billy! This might be our only shot. ... 'sides he ain't a grizzly. It's just a little black bear. You ain't scared are you?"

Cowboys are tough, you know, and that's one of the best ways to get 'em to do something really dumb. The very suggestion of being afraid was all the encouragement that Billy needed. He tied his horse a little ways away and picked up a hand full rocks and began chucking them into the door of the cave. There was a lot of growlin' coming from in there, and Billy was scared to death, but he was way too proud to admit it.

"That ain't workin', Billy! Get yourself a stick, and



poke him in the face. When he comes out I'll nail him!"

"I never DID like bears," Billy thought to himself as he reluctantly headed to the bear's den with a long tree limb. "How in the dickens did I get myself in this mess anyway?"

This time it worked. Out charged old Bruin with his teeth a snappin' and Billy in his sights. Dick was true to his word, and got a shot off right away. He was sure he'd hit him good and hard, but the bear had turned around and headed back into his den. Billy didn't have a clue if he'd hit him or not. He had his back turned to any place a bear might be and was takin' forty foot strides down the mountain. He didn't stop running for at least a hundred yards.

"Got 'im!" Dick crowed to Billy as his shaky kneed pardner finally gained the courage to climb back up the hill. "... but he crawled back in that dang hole again." The boys could hear the low growling in the cave getting fainter all the time. "Go throw a rope around his foot, and we'll drag him out o' there with the horse."

"I never did like bears," Billy protested.

"For cryin' out loud, Billy, the durn thing's dead! Besides, just as soon as we get him back out where I can get a good shot I'll pump another one into him to make dang sure."

There was still a little growlin' coming from the den as Billy reluctantly headed in the door with the loop end of his lariat in his hand. It really didn't take him very long to find a foot and get the rope on it, and it took even less time for him to get back out of there. As soon as the rope tightened up around his ankle, the growling got louder and the rope started to jerk violently as Mr. Bruin tried to kick it off.

"He dang shore don't look very dead to me!" Billy squeaked, his face white as a ghost.

"Aw, they do that sometimes just before they croak. Go get your horse and pull him out of there."

This was the only part of this whole operation that Billy thought MIGHT be a good idea. He certainly felt a whole lot more comfortable on horseback than he did afoot.

Billy took his dallies and pointed his horse between a couple of trees. As soon as the slack came out of the rope, the grumbling from the cave got louder again.

"OK! Pull 'im out!" Dick ordered, staring down his gun barrel.

Billy put the spurs to his horse and headed for Texas with a mad bear on the end of his rope. Not only was Mr. Bear not a happy camper, he wasn't even wounded. The boys found themselves with a very healthy and torqued-off bear on the end of their rope. Things got a little hectic there for a minute or two, but Dick finally got off a couple of good shots. Mr. Bear was now dead for sure.

It wasn't until then they discovered that there were actually TWO bears in that hole. One of them

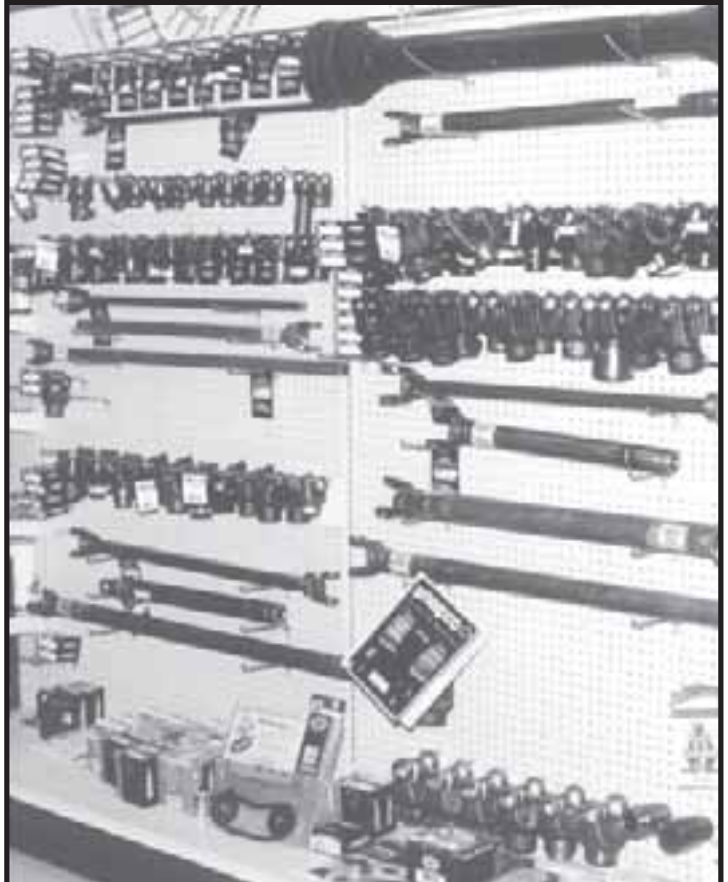
WAS dead, but Billy had put his rope around the live one's foot.

"Holy Cow! You could o' got killed in there! Wasn't ya scared?" Dick asked his pardner when the dust had finally settled.

"Naw," Billy lied through his teeth. "I was just in kind of a hurry so I put the rope on the first foot I found ... never did like bears much, though."

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# Pesticide Training Set For October in South-Central MT

Experts on Montana insects, pesticides, rodents and weeds will present half-day and all-day workshops from Oct. 8 to 11 to help residents of 11 south-central Montana counties renew their private pesticide applicator licenses before the end of the year.

Individuals who wish to purchase, use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides on land they own, rent or lease need a private applicator license. Private applicators in Big Horn, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties need to recertify by the end of

2012, said Cecil Tharp, pesticide education specialist with Montana State University Extension. Those 11 counties lie within Montana Private Pesticide District number five.

To help private applicators recertify before their licenses expire, the MSU Pesticide Safety Education and MSU Integrated Pest Management programs will hold seven meetings over four days. The meetings will be held Oct. 8 in Harlowton and Lewistown; Oct. 9 in Big Timber and Columbus; Oct. 10 in Hardin and Lame Deer; and Oct. 11 in Billings.

All of the workshops will focus on pest management, but topics within those workshops may vary according to need. Rodent control, for example, is covered in Big Timber, Billings and Columbus, while wireworms are covered in Columbus, Hardin and Lewistown. Sessions in Billings, Harlowton, Big Timber and Lame Deer address grasshopper management and many other topics.

Other workshop topics may include cheatgrass management in croplands, insect management in a forage alfalfa system, re-vegetating weed-infested range and pasture, cheatgrass, vertebrate pest control, pesticide safety, management of winter insect pests on livestock, Roundup-resistant Kochia, pesticide drift, and mode of action.

South-central Montanans can attend workshops in any of the 11 counties in their district. They don't have to attend the workshop offered in their county, Tharp said. A variety of MSU experts and MSU Extension specialists and agents will conduct the training sessions.

Private applicators will receive three credits for attending either the morning or afternoon session and six credits if they attend all day. Government and commercial applicators who attend either a morning or afternoon session will be qualified to receive three commercial/government applicator credits towards the categories of dealer, demonstration and research, and agricultural plant pest control.

Montana has five private pesticide districts, with applicator licenses expiring in stages. The private applicator license certification cycle lasts five years.

Courses in the 2012 Pest Management Tour are open to the public and any applicator who wants to recertify, but pre-registration is often required, especially in locations that offer a free lunch to attendees. Attendees should contact their local Extension agent and pre-register.

For locations, contact information and topics to be covered at each meeting, check the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at [www.pesticides.montana.edu](http://www.pesticides.montana.edu) and select "2012 Pest Management Tour Throughout South-Central MT." For more information, contact Tharp at [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu) or (406) 994-5067.



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# Montana Farm Bureau Pleased Final Bison Trial Phase Set for Nov. 5

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation is pleased with the progress made to date on the Yellowstone Bison trial taking place in Park County. In a conference call this morning, Hertha Lund, attorney for MFBF, noted three-quarters of the testimony for the trial has been completed, with the final phase scheduled in Park County Nov. 5. The final phase will include two hours of testimony to finish the trial along with hearing a summary judgement motion including MFBF's challenge that the state didn't comply with the Montana Environmental Policy Act report.

"We believe our attorney has done an outstanding job defining and defending the interest of our members and property owners around the state," says MFBF Executive Vice President Jake Cummins.

MFBF is concerned that allowing bison to roam freely outside of Yellowstone National Park Boundaries creates not only an increased risk of disease transmission but also a risk of property damage and potentially personal injury to Gardiner area residents. Even as the court case disputing allowing bison out of the park for four months is being heard, the state is taking comments on allowing them out year round and expanding the boundary to Yankee Jim Canyon north of Gardiner. Because of the ongoing trial, the bison have not been permitted to leave the park.

John Youngberg, director of Governmental Affairs for Montana Farm Bureau, finds the proposal to allow bison to roam year round puzzling. "We are in court questioning whether they should be allowed out at all, yet the state is already planning year round occupancy in an even bigger area. The state talks about adaptive management as being a part of the Interagency Bison Management Plan yet they continue to ignore the fact that the document also requires there to be separation between cattle and bison.

You can't pick and choose which parts of the document you want to live by."

Youngberg also notes, "These aren't Whitetail deer, they have little fear of humans and have the potential to damage property and inflict injury on area residents."

Les Graham, MFBF's livestock advisor who has been attending the trial, pointed out one outrageous idea that came forth. "I believe the most interesting part of the trial was when a Montana Fish and Wildlife & Parks representative testified they were going to build panel corrals for the kids to be safe from the bison at the bus stop," Graham noted. "It seems some government officials feel it makes more sense to corral our kids instead of corralling the bison."



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