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Fairview Wins Class C State Basketball Championship

Fairview Warriors Boys Basketball won their first state title Saturday night at the State Class C Basketball Tournament held in Billings. The team celebrated the historic title after their 51-33 victory over Highwood. The Warriors finished their season 25-2. (Photo submitted by Jodi McPherson)

Nashville Recording Artist To Perform Concerts March 20-21

Don't miss an exciting opportunity to attend a free community concert with Nashville recording artist, Monte Selby. Selby heard the sad news from Sidney and contacted Kelly Johnson, Sidney Middle School principal, to see if he could provide support through his music to Sidney School students, staff and the community. This is a real treat for all of us and one that we would not be able to afford under normal circumstances.

Selby will perform a community concert, "Making Our World A Better Place", on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sidney Middle School. There is no charge for this concert; however, the school wants to be sure they have enough seats. Call the school office or email (middleschool@sidney.k12.mt.us or call 433-4050) to reserve your complimentary tickets. He will perform for all Sidney school students on March 21 during the school day. He will perform for the middle school at 8 a.m., K-2nd students at 9:30 a.m., 3rd-5th students at 10:15 a.m. and for high school students at 2 p.m. Finally, he will perform a special presentation for school staff at 3:15 p.m. in the high school library.

Selby is a Nashville recording artist (MDM Records). He is a critically acclaimed singer/songwriter/guitarist who shares comical and insightful music for children, parents and educators. His musical endeavors (featured internationally on network television, radio, pod casts, websites, conferences, original stage productions and videos) are cultivated from an award-winning career as a teacher, principal, and professor. He comes from a family of #1 hit songwriters and stand-out musicians, so it's no surprise audiences rave about his concerts, keynote addresses, school assemblies and classroom writing sessions.

Get ready to laugh, sing and enjoy an unforgettable evening of original live music! For more information on Monte, go to monteselby.com or call Kelly Johnson at Sidney Middle School.

First Annual Bakken Brew Fest This Weekend

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host an exciting new event this year: the Bakken Brew Fest, scheduled for Saturday, March 10 at the Richland County Fair Event Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and ticket holders will then enjoy an evening of tasting new microbrews, sampling hearty hors d'oeuvres, and listening to live music provided by the Clintons from Bozeman. The event will feature over 25 microbrews on tap, developed by regional breweries.

The Chamber urges people to purchase tickets in the near future as the Chamber will limit the number of attendees. General admission costs \$50 per person. VIP tables of eight or ten people are also available."

People can obtain more information about VIP tables from the Sidney Chamber, 406-433-1916.

Interested people can purchase tickets from the Chamber and from the Ranger Lounge in Sidney.

Gratz To Emcee Community Concert March 18

Former Sidney Schools music director Don Gratz will emcee the community concert, "Shared Strength", at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at St. Matthew's Parish Center, Sidney. The concert will be a musical program created to reaffirm the shared strength this community possesses in the midst of so many changes in all our lives. The sincere goal of the organizers is to help remind each other why our community is a special place to live.

During the concert, Katie Pust will create one of her amazing chalk drawings.

In addition to the concert, there will be a silent auction with the proceeds going to the Educational fund for Gary Arnold's stepchildren Holly and Jason. Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction may call Leann Pelvit at 406-480-5594.

Help is also needed for set-up, cleanup and other tasks, both on Saturday and Sunday. Groups or individuals who would like to help are asked to call Ginny Herrick at 488-4016.

Revolving Loan Fund Award

Richland Economic Development is pleased to announce that the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee has awarded its eighth loan for the purchase of an existing business in Fairview. Alicia Dahl was approved for a loan to purchase and make renovations to the former T & C Diner.

Alicia completed an application in partnership with her lead lender, Nancy Verschoot, Richland Federal Credit Union, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request was to purchase the building, equipment, as well as remodeling costs for T & C Diner. The new business venture will be called Downtown Bistro.

Alicia explained that without the assistance of the RLF, it would have been very difficult to move forward and open Downtown Bistro. Alicia, as well as her sons, Parker and Connor, has experience in the food/restaurant business, and is excited about the services that she and her staff will provide to the MonDak region.

The RLF committee is pleased to assist Alicia in this business venture. The intent of the RLF is to offer an additional tool to support new business and business expansion projects. Nancy states, "When Alicia approached me about this opportunity, my first thought was, 'This is exactly what the Revolving



(L-R) Lesslie Messer (RED), Alicia Dahl and Nancy Verschoot (Richland Federal Credit Union).

Loan Fund was created to do'. I am pleased that we are able to assist Alicia, and to help a business in Fairview as well. We wish her luck."

Richland Economic Development encourages existing businesses and new business

start up projects to consider the RLF as a resource. The RLF loan pool of \$1,000,000 is not free money, but an investment made by the Richland County Commissioners, to assist in the development of business in our economy. The application and review process is achievable, and done in conjunction with the area financial institutions in Richland County.

If you or someone you know is thinking of expanding or launching a new business in Richland County, contact any of the local financial institutions or Richland Economic Development today for an application!



Joe Dardis and Lacey Wilkens

Wilkens-Dardis Announce Engagement

Terry and Diane Wilkens, New Salem ND, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacey, to Joe Dardis, son of Gary and Sherri Dardis, Savage.

Wilkens is a graduate of Bismarck State College and is employed with Design Wizards.

Dardis is a graduate of Bismarck State College and is employed with Great River Energy.

A wedding date has been set for May 19 at Spirit of Life, Mandan, ND.

Udem-Dockweiler Announce Engagement

Dan and Dawn Udem, Circle, and Michael and Ginger Dockweiler, Sidney, are proud to announce the engagement of their children Kelsie Emily Udem and Jonathon Todd Dockweiler.

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A July 28 wedding is being planned in Circle.



Jonathon Dockweiler and Kelsie Udem

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Sidney Native Opens Temple Tattoo Gallery In Sidney

Temple Tattoo Gallery is now open in the old Cash Montana store located at

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owner Darren Sult, a 1995 Sidney High School graduate, is the son of John and

Mona Sult. Sult is planning a grand opening on March 17. They will have kraut burgers and green beverages to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and welcome customers to the

shop. They will also be having a prize drawing to donate to Rocky Taylor's benefit.

Temple Tattoo Gallery is open from noonish to 9ish Wednesday through Satur-

day and private sessions by appointment only Monday and Tuesday.

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Temple Tattoo Gallery owner Darren Sult (right) and his fiance Amy Scott

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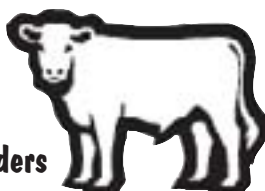
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Chair Exercises - Cardiac Rehab Booth

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Adult Hunter Education With Handgun Component Class Set For March 12-13

The second adult hunter education with the handgun component class that meets the requirements of MCA 45-8-321(a) will be March 12-13 from 6-9 p.m. at the Richland County Fair Events Center.

Those people that are already signed up and don't have a manual, please pick them up at the Justice Court Office. Due to classroom constraints, we will only be able to accommodate 50 new ap-

plicants. New applicants need to sign up and pick up your manual at the Justice Court Office.

If there are any questions, contact the following: Greg Mohr, 433-2815 (day); 488-1166 (before 8 p.m.); Ron Sorenson, 488-7664 (evening); Tom Lorenz, 482-2536.

Bakken Housing Summit Registration Now Open

Information regarding Bakken Housing Summit registration, sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities is now available online at www.BakkenHousingSummit.com.

Plan now to attend the Bakken Housing Summit to be held May 16-17 at the Airport International Inn, Williston.

Discover how you can participate in the housing and construction market in Western North Dakota.

For information regarding attending the summit, visit: <http://www.bakkenhousingsummit.com/Register>.

For information regarding sponsoring the summit, visit: <http://www.bakkenhousingsummit.com/Sponsor>.

For information regarding exhibiting at the summit, visit: <http://www.bakkenhousingsummit.com/Exhibit>.

If you have any questions please call 701-577-1100 or email info@bakkenhousingsummit.com.

SEA Scholarship Applications Due April 5

SEA Scholarship applications are due in the Sidney High School Guidance office by April 5.

The SEA Scholarship will be awarded to at least one high school senior entering the field of education. The SEA has also decided to open up the scholarship to at least one current college sophomore or junior who is a Sidney graduate and enrolled in the field of education.

Current seniors and college students who are interested, please contact Thom Barnhart, Sidney High School, or his website for application forms.

Toastmasters International To Meet

Toastmasters International, a non-profit organization for developing leadership and communication skills, is holding educational/informational meetings on Wednesdays: March 7, 21 and 28 at Sharp-n-Sassy, 1401 9th Ave. SW, Sidney, from noon-1 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be served.

For details visit www.toastmasters.org or contact Distinguished Toastmaster/Advanced Leader RaeDeen Heupel at 406-773-5074.

STATISTICS

Lake Water Level Reports

	Fort Peck	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	2234.4	1838.0
Last Week's Elev.	2234.7	1838.1
One Year Ago	2235.2	1838.3
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	12,100	22,000

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 27	15	-12	0.01
Feb. 28	22	-10	0.00
Feb. 29	21	0	T
Mar. 1	38	15	0.00
Mar. 2	38	19	0.08
Mar. 3	27	4	T
Mar. 4	37	5	0.00

Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 27	26	-11	0.00
Feb. 28	25	-5	0.00
Feb. 29	40	10	0.00
Mar. 1	40	22	0.03
Mar. 2	33	19	T
Mar. 3	38	4	0.01
Mar. 4	39	34	0.02
Average YTD Precipitation			0.81
2012 YTD Precipitation			0.34

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The Sammus Theory Surprise Acoustic Performance Scheduled March 31

The Sammus Theory will make a last minute stop on their APOCALYPTIC REVOLUTION Tour to play an acoustic set in Sidney Saturday, March 31 at OK Lanes from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

It will be a free show for ages 21+.

EVENTS

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., March 7

Noon — Toastmasters, Sharp-n-Sassy, 1401 9th Ave SW. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be served.

7 p.m. — Gambler's Anonymous, Millers' Corner back room.

Thurs., March 8

5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., meeting 5:30-6 p.m.

6:30 p.m. — Pinochle, Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St. SE.

8 p.m. — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.

Fri., March 9

5-7 p.m. — Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. \$9/adult.

Sat., March 10

9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Sun., March 11

7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Mon., March 12

11:30 a.m. — Doris Group Lunch, Fireside Cafe. All Dorises welcome.

12 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

6 p.m. — VFW & Aux. Annual Community Awards Potluck. Public welcome.

Tues., March 13

7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

7 p.m. — Sons of Norway meeting, 489 Lodge, 714 E Main St.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CST Zone.

Wed., March 7

8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

6:30-8 p.m. — Become a Love & Logic Parent Series, McKenzie Co. Courthouse meeting room.

Thurs., March 8

8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

Glendive Wrestling Tournament Results

The Sidney Wrestling Team traveled to Glendive this weekend and competed in the Glendive Invitational Tournament. There were over 425 wrestlers.

Sidney placed third as a team behind Miles City and Glendive. Here are the individual results:

TOTS:

#33.3	4 th	Cayden Hambro
	5 th	Asle Everett
#36	4 th	Carter Grimmet
#39	3 rd	Jaiden Gustafson
#40.8	4 th	Tyler Loan
	5 th	Brandon Becker
	6 th	Dominick Klein
#42.5	1 st	Gavin Skoy
	4 th	Bryan Allen
	5 th	Beau Rindahl
#45.1	6 th	Nathan Carlsen
#47.9	3 rd	Rafe Sabin
	5 th	Lance Allen
#49.6	5 th	Aaron See
#51	4 th	Zeke Grimmet
#55.5	6 th	Kaleb Kutzler

BANTAMS:

#43.5-44.5	4 th	Kobe Hambro
	6 th	Brody Sabin
#46.5-47.4	6 th	Chance Reed
#47.5-49.1	1 st	Owen Lonski
	6 th	Parker Syth
#49.4-50	1 st	Zander Dean
#50	3 rd	Kevin Hutzenbiler
#50.3-51.5	3 rd	Ben Carlsen
	6 th	Garrett Larson
#51.5-52.5	3 rd	Levi Sheehan
#58.5-59.9	2 nd	Grady Larson
	6 th	Dillon Skoy
#60.2-62.4	3 rd	Chace Waters
#63-63.5	3 rd	Nathan Romo
#75.6-83	3 rd	Cooper McNally

MIDGETS:

#51.6	3 rd	Blake Benson
	5 th	Deegan Carranza
#56.1	1 st	Kade Graves
	2 nd	Kayden LeFors
	3 rd	Kolby Hutzenbiler
#59.9	6 th	Clayton Olson
#61	5 th	Logan Sabin
	6 th	Tucker Nevins
#63	4 th	Kade Rindahl
#68	1 st	Matt Hanson
	6 th	Jackson Thogersen
#71	6 th	Trevin Trudell
#80	1 st	Riley Waters
#82.1	1 st	Boston Peters
	4 th	Brodey Skogen
#94	4 th	Cash Cundiff
#113	2 nd	Trey Schepens

NOVICES:

#64	4 th	Everett Jensen
#83.3	1 st	Jace Winters
#92.4	5 th	Kelton LeFors

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DEQ Issues Reminders For Spring/Summer Open Burning Season

As the spring/summer open burning season begins March 1 the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is reminding those who conduct burning that only clean, untreated wood and plant material can be burned. Materials prohibited from open burning include, but are not limited to; food wastes, plastics, wood that has been coated, painted, stained, or treated, dead animals or animal droppings, rubber materials, chemicals, asphalt shingles, tar paper, pathogenic or hazardous wastes, and standing or demolished structures containing prohibited materials.

The DEQ recommends contacting county health departments before open burning to determine whether any county level air quality related requirements exist, specifically in Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Lincoln, Flathead and Yellowstone counties.

Regardless of location, all burners should contact local fire control authorities prior to open burning (during any time of the year) to obtain information on local fire safety related requirements, and to notify appropriate authorities of the location and timeframe of the burns.

Air quality related open burning rules are outlined in the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 17, Section 8, Subchapter 6. The spring/summer open burning season ends August 31. For more information on air quality related open burning rules, open burning seasons, and state level permit requirements, please visit DEQ's open burning webpage at <http://deq.mt.gov/AirQuality/airOpenBrn.mcp.x>.

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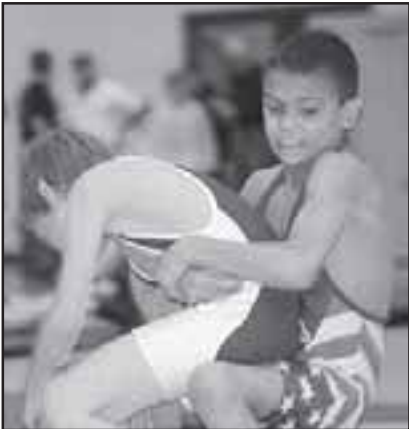
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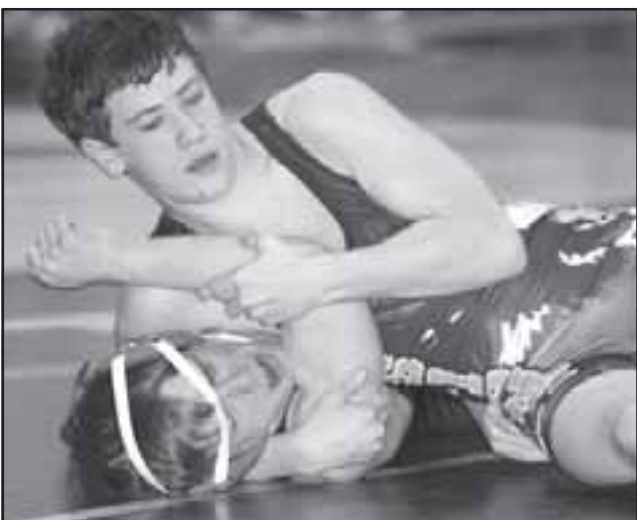


Jett Jones, Sidney, controls his wrestling match in Lewistown. Jones placed 6th in the 80-lb. junior varsity division. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)

Christian Dean, Sidney, (right) works for control during a match. He wrestled in the 65-lb. varsity division at the Lewistown Wrestling Tournament, placing 4th. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)



Trace Jones, Sidney, works for control during a wrestling match in Lewistown. Jones was the lone champion for the Sidney Junior High Varsity team. He placed 1st at 100 lbs. with a 3-1 decision in overtime against Billings wrestler Tiger Frye. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)



Sidney's Ryan Chatterton gets a pin at the Lewistown Invitational Tournament on Saturday, March 3. Chatterton placed 2nd at 130 lbs. in the Junior High Varsity division. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)

Lewistown Invitational Wrestling Tournament Results

Junior High - Varsity		125#	Brady Gorder	5th	
65#	Josh Aisenbrey	3rd	130#	Ryan Chatterton	2nd
65#	Christian Dean	4th	Junior High - Junior Varsity		
100#	Trace Jones	1st	65#	Jaret Aisenbrey	5th
120#	Parker Dean	5th	80#	Jett Jones	6th
			105#	Riley Chatterton	4th

HOUSE & REAL ESTATE AUCTION

SAT., MARCH 17, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

OWNERS: Debra Albin, whose address is 310 4th Street SW, Sidney, MT will offer the following property to the public at auction. The final bid will be subject to her approval. The owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sidney Original Township, 533, Township 23N, Range 99E, Block 042, Lot 001, West 65' of Lots 1 & 2, Block 42, Sidney 0

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2nd Grade Brownies - Troop 2208 (L-R) Suttyn Barnhart, Hailey Lemerond & Gentry Lemerond, Troop Leader. Not Pictured: Peyton Janeway, Gabby Juarez, Sarah Karanjai, Daisy Snow, Stefie Trevino.



Troop 2462

4th Grade Junior Troop 2462 Co-Leaders Jody Christensen and Nicole Davidson Pictured (L-R) Christine Turek, Aidan Wiese, Malia Crosby, Shyanne Nice, Ashlin Hollenquist, Hailey Christensen and Autumn Davidson.



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Troop 2414

Shelby Reidle, Kaitlyn Tibbits, Sarah Turek.



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1st Grade Daisy Troop 2347 Back (L-R) Aubrie Watson, Lilian Jones, Kendyl Wacha, Emma Doty, KaiLeigh LaRoche, Kassadee Olson, Thia Danielson, Emma Cundiff, & Sheali Seitz. Front (L-R) Jayden Bower, Anna Allen, Piper Carter, Brooke Tiessen and Allison Axtman.



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Amanda Herbst



Troop 2139

(L-R) Zoe Roberts, Samantha Riggs, Hannah Uran, Josie Yockim. Not pictured: Kayla Edgerton, Paige Lee, Shyanne Castro, Zoe Thom.



Troop 2338

Daisy Troop 2338 Back (L-R) Sarah Manuel and Beverly Schilling. Front (L-R) Jazmyn Sletvold, Kara Nay, Savannah Manuel, Abby Schilling.



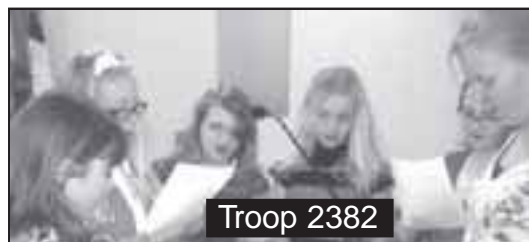
Troup 2433 & 2425

Girl Scouts Cadette troops 2433 & 2425 Back (L-R) Kiana Uran, Shamber Cohenour, Morgan Folstad, Jocee Cundiff, & Bree Fischer. Front (L-R) Lauryn Barnhart, Ariana Isakson, Sheyanne Janeway, Danni Carpender.



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The Richland County 4-H Livestock Judging Team has had a very busy couple of weeks competing at local judging contests. Both junior and senior 4-H members competed at the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging Contest this past Saturday. The junior team placed first and the senior team took third place honors. Competing for the Richland County 4-H Livestock Judging Team: front row (L to R): Jaylen Baxter, Jenna Baxter, Sarah Helmuth and Ryder Rasmussen. Middle row (L to R): John Helmuth, Nettie Johnson, Jordan Baxter and Rachael Oliver. Top row: Taylor Searer.



Jaylen Baxter and Sarah Helmuth took 5th place. Pictured are: bottom row (L to R) Jenna Baxter and Jordan Baxter. Top row: (L to R) Sarah Helmuth, John Helmuth, Rachael Oliver and Jaylen Baxter.

On Feb. 25 members of the senior 4-H team traveled to Bowman, ND to compete in their livestock judging contest. The team did very well and brought home 3rd place. Jared Rosaaen placed 1st individually, John Helmuth placed 13th, Rachael Oliver placed 16th and Lane Verschoot placed 17th. Pictured are: (L to R): Jared Rosaaen, John Helmuth, Rachael Oliver and Lane Verschoot.



Earlier in February, several members of the Richland County 4-H Judging Team traveled to Miles City to compete in the 2012 Beef Breeders Livestock Judging Contest. The senior team of John Helmuth and Rachael Oliver took 10th place overall and Rachael took home 1st place honors. The junior team of Jordan Baxter, Jenna Baxter,

On Feb. 17 the senior 4-H Judging Team traveled to Dickinson, ND to compete in the Dickinson State Roughrider Judging Contest. The team won 3rd place with Jared Rosaaen winning 6th place, Rachael

Oliver was 10th, Nettie Johnson placed 21st and Christian Prevost placed 23rd.

Great job to our area livestock judges. The judging team members would also like to thank all the parents and volunteers. The Richland County Ex-

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A Dance Will Follow

The board position of Mike Anvik and Dan Thornton are up. Anyone is eligible to run regardless of what district you reside. Mike & Dan have decided not to run for reelection. Rick Mullin and Craig Johnson are on the nominating committee so please contact them if you are interested in these positions.

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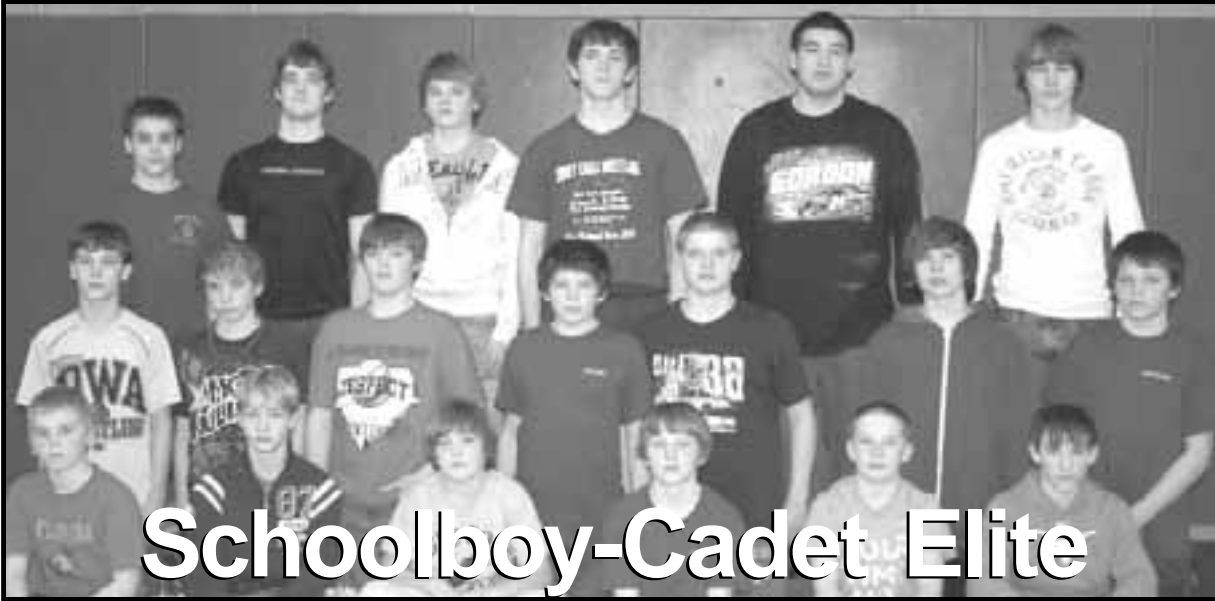
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Tots & Bantams Back (L-R) Wacey Hovde, Kaleb Kutzler, Nathan Carlsen, Aaron See, Zeke Grimmet, Cooper McNally, Levi Sheehan, Dillon Skoy, Mikaela Villegas, and Garrett Larson. Middle (L-R) Chance Reed, Gavin Skoy, Christian Rasmussen, Tyler Loan, Bryan Allen, Amen Powell, Jaiden Gustafson, Morgan Reid, and Rafe Sabin. Front (L-R) Beau Rindahl, Asle Everett, Brody Sabin, Dominick Klein, Ryan Unruh, Carter Grimmet, and Cooper Cundiff. Not pictured: Lance Allen, Dawsen Baltrusch, Brandon Becker, Tyler Brost, Kenny Damm, Reece Graves, Cayden Hambro, Lucas Hill, Trystan Larson, Grady Quilling, Tyson Syth, Grady Nelson, Cash Quilling, Garrett Strauser, Dylan Villegas and Izaak Yockim.

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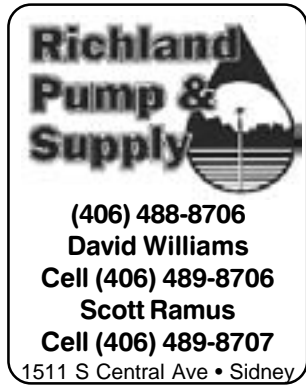
Bantams, Midget & Novice Back (L-R) Kade Rindahl, Christian Dean, Everett Jensen, Matt Hanson, Cash Cundiff, Trey Schepens, Brodey Skogen, Jace Winters, Josh Aisenbrey, Trevor Dean, Jett Jones, and Cole McLarney. Middle (L-R) Boston Peters, Kolby Hutzenbiler, Jaret Aisenbrey, Kade Graves, Kadyne LeFors, Grady Larson, Kolton Reid, Owen Lonski, Tucker Nevins, Trevin Trudell, Riley Waters, and Deegan Carranza. Front (L-R) Logan Sabin, Kevin Hutzenbiler, Nathan Romo, Ben Carlsen, Parker Syth, Brodie Gorder, Zander Dean, Kobe Hambro and Chace Waters. Not pictured: Blake Benson, Brianna Brost, Aden Graves, Zachary Mann, Clayton Olson, Jackson Thogersen, Josie Yockim, Keelen Geiser, Jace Johnson, and Ryan Wyman.



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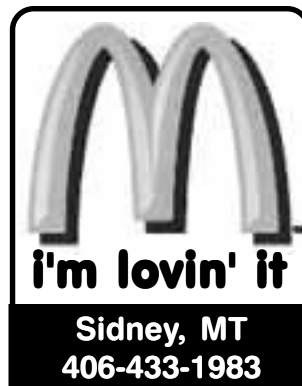
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Beam – 9.3 1st place,
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Right: Amanda Deegan performs her bars routine. Deegan scored a 8.8 on the bars and 35.8775 to earn a first place finish.



State Hockey Action

Watford City Oilers celebrate after scoring against Fargo in the State NDAHA High School Hockey Tournament, Langdon, over the weekend. The Oilers finished 5th in the tournament by defeating Fargo in the first round, but were defeated by Crosby in the semifinals and Langdon in the 3rd place game. Crosby went on to claim the championship against Grand Forks 3-2 in triple overtime. Brandon Taylor, Watford City, was named to the All State team. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Sidney Goalie Brandon Moore makes a great save at the NDHA High School State Tournament, Langdon, against Mayport. The Rangers lost to Grand Forks in the first round, defeated Mayport to move on to the 5th place game where they were defeated by Fargo 7-6. Brandon Moore and Tom Voll, both from Sidney, were named to the All State team. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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"Contrary to myths swirling around today that all of our food is raised by corporate farms, nothing could be further from the truth. According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture Survey in 2009, 97% of American farms are owned by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations," notes MFBF President Bob Hanson, himself a family rancher from White Sulphur Springs. "Also contrary to the misguided belief that agriculture is a dead-end occupation, although only 2% of us grow the food, agriculture employs more than 21 million American workers—that's 15% of our workforce—to

produce, process, sell, trade and market American-grown food and fiber."

Hanson points out that whether you're a small-scale sheep rancher or a large-volume grain producer, the goal is to take care of your land and leave productive, healthy ground for the future. "Again, there are some folks who rattle off about how bad agriculture is for the environment, but look at the statistics. By using methods like no-till or contour farming, producers have cut erosion of cropland by nearly 50% since 1982. That means they have reduced soil erosion by 622 million tons and restored more than two million acres of wetlands. That's something to be proud of. Many farmers are now using technology for precision farming, which means fertilizer and crop protectants are only placed where and in the amount they are needed."

In addition to caring for the land, farmers and ranchers care for their livestock. "Many people who aren't involved

with livestock don't realize the time and expense it takes to care for the animals," Hanson said. "I can tell you first hand as someone who raises beef cattle and Quarter Horses, those animals come first for feeding and comfort. You need to ensure they have water, feed and shelter at all time, and especially in inclement weather. When most sane people are inside their warm houses, our Montana livestock producers are out in the snow and wind putting out hay, straw and making sure water isn't frozen."

Many farmers and ranchers have engaged consumers via social networking about what they do and why they do it. "Montana Farm Bureau has a Facebook page, as well as a website which contains blogs and links about raising food and animal care," Hanson says. "This Ag Week, be sure to thank your rancher or farmer neighbors for the work they do all year to make sure you have a variety of nutritious, affordable food when you sit down to supper."

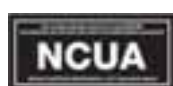
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Oil Dollars Benefit Some Of Those In Agriculture

By Lois Kerr

Every issue has its positives and negatives. Oil has changed the face of the MonDak region forever, it has caused serious problems with housing, infrastructure, the ability of natives to conduct daily business, and it has forced people to rethink individual values and priorities. For those farmers without mineral rights, farming only gets more and more difficult as input costs soar and the available land becomes increasingly more expensive to buy or to rent. However, those farmers who do have mineral

acres and who have benefited through those acres have a secure future and they will be able to farm for as long as they want.

Oil dollars have allowed some farmers and ranchers to upgrade equipment, add pivots, acquire more land and to diversify their farming. These farmers can afford to hire help, make improvements on outbuildings, dwellings, and property. They have the wherewithal to cover the costs of farming even in a disaster year, and if their child wants to farm, he or she will be able to do so.

As one lady who lives near Dore remarked to me, "Most of us have oil wells around here, so we like what's happening here."

The influx of oil has inflated the price of land in certain areas. Even marginal land in these hot spots sells for quadruple its worth. This brings a mixed blessing, as although it allows farmers to sell parcels of unproductive or marginal land and make excellent money in the process, it also may encourage many farmers and ranchers to sell out completely, removing even more land from ag-

ricultural use. As one man said to me, "If someone wants my land and offers me the kind of money they're paying for land over at Dore, they can't write me a check fast enough."

Ag businesses have seen increased sales of equipment and farm implements. "Oil definitely hasn't hurt anything," said one dealer. "Some farmers who had to go for years with no new equipment can now afford new machinery because of the oil. The last few years have been good; I think this has trickled down to the Main Street businesses as well."

Ag businesses sometimes can make extra money outside of their primary focus. One ag business has a private rail siding, which it has

been able to rent out to the railroad. "If a typical ag business has assets that can be used for oil related interests, it can be a benefit," the businessman told me. "We have some track sites, and the railroad will pay for track space, so it is a source of revenue we would not normally have."

All area individuals and businesses have problems competing with oilfield wages, so many go without enough help. Farmers have difficulty finding hired hands and businesses see large turnovers as employees move on to better paying jobs. "During harvest we have to bring in outside people," said Sidney Sugars Ag Manager Russ Fullmer. "The factory has problems with turnover, so finding employees is an

issue."

In spite of the amount of agricultural land lost to production in the last year, Sidney Sugars does not expect to lose overall beet acres, at least not at this time. "Some areas will lose," Fullmer remarked. "From Sidney to the Missouri a lot of land has been taken out of ag production. We're not sure if we'll see a net loss, however, as we are growing beet acres in other areas because beet prices are so good at the present time."

He added, "It isn't a huge problem, but it will take a bite out of certain areas as they were tight areas anyway, as many growers rented land. Now they have to compete for that land so it makes things worse."

Montana Nutrition Conference, Livestock Forum Set April 17-18 At Bozeman

MSU News Service

Climate change through 2013 and its effect on agriculture will be the focus of this year's keynote address at the Montana Nutrition Conference and Livestock Forum in Bozeman.

The annual conference will begin the afternoon of April 17 and run through the morning of April 18 at the GranTree Inn.

Simon Atkins, an atmospheric scientist and climate economist who heads a think-tank in planetary risk management, will give the Grieco Beef Cattle Lecture

the evening of Wednesday, April 17. Atkins is CEO of Advanced Forecasting Corporation which advises more than 20 industries, Fortune 500 businesses, investors, and other individuals affected by natural-based perils.

Other conference speakers will explain key drivers behind record-high cattle prices; beef cattle fertility, targeted sheep grazing of noxious weeds, matching the cow herd to resources, poisonous plants that affect horses and livestock, a sys-

tems approach to range management, and GIS mapping to evaluate grazing.

The conference is organized by Rachel Endecott and others in Montana State University's Department of Animal and Range Science.

Cost to attend both days of the conference is \$80. Attending one day only costs \$55 for Tuesday and \$35 for Wednesday. To register, call 406-994-3414, send an e-mail to anitag@montana.edu or write Anita Gray, PO Box 172820, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.



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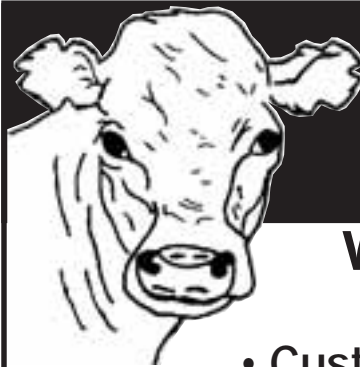
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Fight For Agriculture All Year, Not Just During Ag Week

By Lois Kerr

Every year we celebrate National Ag Week to recognize the huge contribution agriculture makes in our lives, to understand how farmers produce food and fiber, to remind ourselves that without a strong agricultural base the economy and the security of our nation founders, and to appreciate the safe, abundant food products we enjoy in the U.S.

Even though each American farmer feeds approximately 144 people, an increase from 25 people each farmer could feed 40 years ago, many people fail to understand basic agriculture. As America becomes increasing urbanized, consumers have lost their relationship with the land and seem to think that food regenerates itself overnight on grocery store shelves. Our urban neighbors often fail to realize that without agriculture we all perish.

In 2006, half the world population lived in urban centers, and this percentage will continue to increase with each passing decade. World population will increase another 30% by 2050, and these extra people will need more food, more water, more energy, and more of the earth's resources. These extra people will also impact the planet through increased CO2 emissions, deforestation, and the plunder of the land. More and more agricultural land will be lost to much less important uses, such as oil exploration and houses, but farmers will be expected to increase production using fewer resources to feed all these extra mouths. Because of this, an understanding of agriculture will become even more vital in the coming years,

and if we do not educate these city folks about all aspects of agricultural production, we all lose.

Agriculture faces many challenges, not only in the face of losing land to greedy developers bent on erecting houses and buildings where corn ought to grow, but through a multitude of other issues such as input costs, politicians who have no understanding of agriculture yet feel perfectly qualified in making detrimental decisions about agriculture, and the coming soil and water issues that we will face in the near future.

We in the MonDak have witnessed how quickly prime farm land can turn into concrete slabs housing businesses, scoria covered ground for parking vehicles or developing oil leases, or for the construction of never-ending rail sidings. We all know this lost farmland will never again return to growing wheat and barley to feed our grandchildren.

We need to reexamine agriculture in our area and place its preservation as our highest priority. We need to take the long view, the view that the coming generations will need to eat, the view that what good will gasoline powered vehicles do for our great grandchildren when they won't be able to find affordable food on the grocery shelves. We need to do anything and everything in our power to preserve and protect our agricultural land and the farmers who work that land and produce the food required for us to survive. Agriculture needs to take first place.

Already many scientists question whether or not farmers will be able to feed the



world in 2050. Certainly we will not be able to do so when farm land continues to disappear, water becomes more scarce and groups begin fighting over its distribution, and farming input costs continue to skyrocket beyond affordability. We in the boomer generation really won't care, as we won't be here to see the debacle. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren, however, will suffer the consequences of our shortsightedness.

We must keep the ideals and rationale for Ag Week in mind all year long, and do whatever we can to ensure that farmers, ranchers, and the land in their trust will remain safe, and that farmers have the ability to operate profitably and provide the necessity of life: food for us to eat.



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Eckhoff Appointed Interim Superintendent Of EARC

By Lois Kerr

The Montana State University has appointed agronomist Dr. Joyce Eckhoff as interim superintendent for the Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC), Sidney. Eckhoff takes over the position vacated by Dr. Jerry Bergman, who retired from the EARC to accept the position of director at the Williston Research and Extension Center.

Eckhoff's duties include 25% administration, 60% research and 15% outreach activities. Administrative responsibilities include general oversight of new construction or renovations, general operation and management of the existing facility and equipment, budget development and prioritization, and personnel management.

Eckhoff's outreach responsibilities and her duties as an agronomist will remain the same.

Eckhoff has as part of her overall focus for the EARC the securing of additional funding for the research center sys-

tem. "The budget gets cut and cut and cut," she remarks. "This is starting to hurt our ability to conduct research. Because of lack of funding, we not only need to reduce the scope of our research, but we also can't hire the help necessary."

She continues, "The need to produce more food for a growing population continues to escalate. The increasing demand for more production, coupled with the decreasing amount of land available for farming, presents serious challenges. We need agricultural research to help our farmers and ranchers survive and to help them become more efficient so they can produce as much as possible."

Eckhoff also hopes that MSU will hire another researcher for the EARC. "We want to hire another scientist," she says.

"However, the focus and scope of any new research has not yet been determined."

Eckhoff has served as agronomist at the EARC for the past 26 years. Along with her duties as superintendent, she will continue her research on crop management and on durum breeding.

50th Sugarbeet Institute Set For March 14 & 15

The 50th International Sugarbeet Institute is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15, at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks. This is North America's largest sugarbeet trade show, with approximately 125 commercial exhibitors in attendance to visit with producers about their sugarbeet-related products and services. More than 3,200 visitors attended the 2011 show, held in Fargo.

Speakers this year include Owen Wagner on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 14, and Leon Osborne on Thursday morning, March 15. Wagner, senior economist-North America for LMC International, will address "NAFTA Sugar Markets: Status & Outlook". Osborne, president of Meridian Environmental Technologists president, Grand Forks, will focus on "Weather & Climate Trends & Patterns, 2012".

Alerus Center doors open at 9 a.m. for both days of the 2012 International Sugarbeet Institute.



Dr. Joyce Eckhoff

Signup Begins For Direct & Counter Cyclical Programs

Signup for Farm Service Agency's Direct and Counter Cyclical Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program during the 2012 crop year began on Jan. 23. Signup for both programs will continue through June 1.

Aaron Krauter, North Dakota state FSA executive director, is encouraging producers to sign up early.

"We want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to get in and sign up, and doing it before spring field work begins means one less thing a producer needs to worry about," Krauter said.

Producers who choose to participate in either the revenue-based ACRE safety net or the price-based DCP safety net must apply for the program each year. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP or ACRE payments on the farm must sign the enrollment form (CCC-509) by June 1. If a producer does not get the signed form in to their local office by June 1, they will not be enrolled in the program for the current year and will not receive benefits.

Producers who choose to participate in DCP or ACRE were allowed to choose between the two programs in 2009. A producer who initially chose to remain in DCP does have the option to switch to the ACRE program when they apply for the program before the June 1 deadline. However, producers who elected to enroll their farm in ACRE cannot switch back to DCP. Additionally, if a producer has a farm that is enrolled in ACRE and buys another farm that is enrolled in DCP, the two farms cannot be combined unless the DCP farm is changed to ACRE.

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The Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging competition was held Saturday, March 3 at the Gartner Denowh Angus Ranch, Sidney. Adult winners were: (L to R): Calli Wold, 2nd place, McKenzie County, ND; Mark Gield, 3rd place, Custer County, MT; and Rich Schmidt, 1st place, Oliver County, ND.



Junior 4-H individual winners were: (L to R) Michael Schmidt, 3rd place, Oliver County, ND; Sarah Hughes-Moore, 2nd place, Custer County, MT; Emily Klein, 1st place, Oliver County, ND.



Individual Senior 4-H winners were: (L to R) Seth Obritsch, 2nd place, McKenzie County, ND; Justin Dahl, 3rd place, McKenzie County, ND and Ashley Giedd, 1st place, Oliver County, ND.



Left: First place Junior 4-H team honors went to Richland County. Shown (L to R) are Sarah Helmuth, Jordan Baxter and Jenna Baxter.



Left: Senior 4-H team honors went to Oliver County, ND. Shown (L to R) are John Klein, Ashley Giedd and Shane Giedd.

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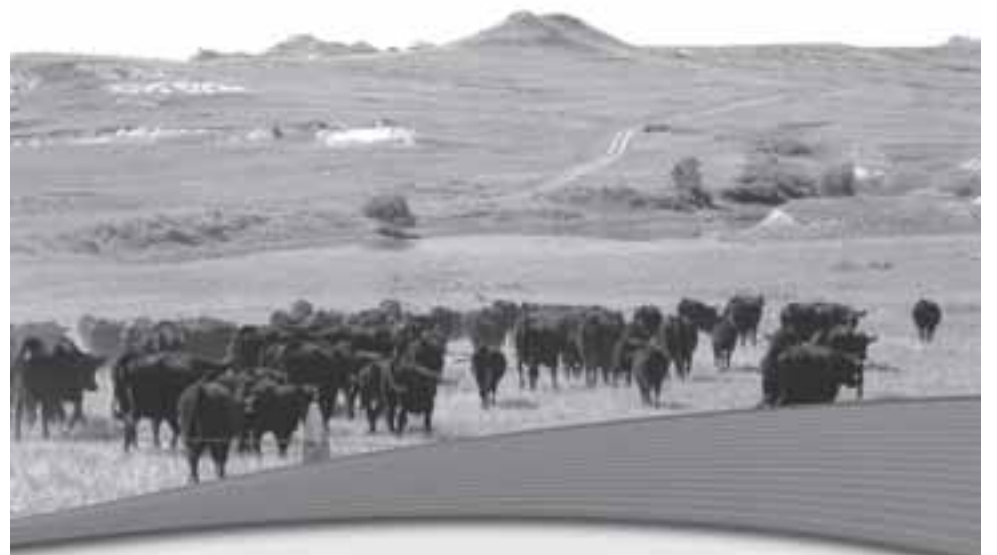
The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) is offering two scholarships for MSGA member students. For graduating high school seniors, MSGA is offering the Swede Schlesinger Scholarship worth \$2,500. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must be graduating from a Montana high school this year, be a member of MSGA, or have at least one parent who is a member, and demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. Applicants must complete the application form, include a copy of their current high school tran-

script, include three sealed letters of recommendation, and answer a series of essay questions. Applications are due March 15.

For current college students, the MSGA Educational Heritage Scholarship of \$1,000 is available. To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in college and have completed at least one semester in college, be a member of MSGA, or have at least one parent who is a member, and demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Applicants must complete the application form, include a

copy of their current transcript, write a 500-word essay discussing their educational pursuits and what they hope to do with their education, and include two letters of recommendation. Applications are due April 15.

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Agriculture Losing Out To Oil Interests

By Lois Kerr

The MonDak has always stood out as an agricultural area, which is the prime reason many of us chose to make this region our home. We liked the farming way of life and preferred the peace of the country to the bustle of commercial centers. Well, our cherished way of life has practically vanished as agriculture and its lifestyle has had to move aside for the oil industry. The oil boom continues to trump agriculture in numerous ways and many area farmers feel that in the coming years, agriculture in our region faces very serious difficulties as it seeks to remain profitable while having to compete with oil interests.

Phil Hurley, who farms in the East Fairview area, has seen tremendous changes already and foresees ever increasing hurdles that agriculture will face. "Things are really changing and it will be a challenge to farm," he says. "Oil came into this beautiful valley and is ripping it up. It is sad to see. Things are happening fast and there is more and more oil activity all the time."

For those who have mineral acres, their loss gets compensated to a certain extent, but not nearly enough to rectify the curtailment or loss of farming activity. "We do have some mineral acres so we do get a piece of the pie," Hurley comments. "However, we have fields with no mineral acres, and in North Dakota, if you don't have mineral rights, an oil com-

pany can just come in and put in a well. We have such a well in the corner of a field, and the well takes up four acres. We received some surface damage compensation, and we can still farm around those four acres, but the crop that was in that field at the time was totally destroyed."

He adds, "Now they want to run a pipeline through a field by our house. We already have that field ridged and ready for beets."

Besides oil interests claiming more and more parts of his land, Hurley has experienced other problems in trying to farm, problems that didn't exist a few years ago. "My goal was to expand," he remarks, "but that's at a standstill. There is no way I can buy property because farmland is now selling at commercial rates or above. There is no way farmers can compete with that. I can still farm, but it is on reduced acres."

He continues, "Traffic is terrible. I'm dreading spring work. I need two or three flaggers just to get from farm to farm. During beet harvest last year, the truck traffic on the road was incredible. Most drivers took gravel roads all the way to the beet dump to avoid the traffic. We have some beet acres near Sidney but safety is key to me and to move equipment from here to Sidney is very bad as we need to run on the highway for two of those miles, and I'm concerned about the safety issue."

The rape of the land promises to continue as oil activity shows no signs of slowing down in the near future. Man camps and other non-agricultural uses of the land will continue to escalate, robbing us of precious farmland. "If all the man camps and other activities happen that we are told are coming, you won't recognize Fairview by the time summer arrives," Hurley concludes.

Although other areas of the MonDak may not have the frenetic chaos found around Dore, the region's farmers and ranchers still feel the brunt of increased traffic and experience many problems that hamper agriculture. Dan Thornton, who farms in the Lambert area, sees farm and rangeland around Lambert disappearing under the influx of oil. He expects to encounter serious problems in his ability to grow a crop in the coming months and years. "For the first time I can look out my picture window and see oil wells," Thornton comments. "Each location takes

up between five and seven acres and some properties have four oil wells. That adds up to a lot of acres. I see locations marked on the Crane road so more are coming and there will be more encroachments."

"It is hard on farmers who have worked the land and on those who have bought more land," Thornton continues. "When a farmer buys new land, mineral rights don't come with it so farmers with that land can't benefit. The oil companies just take the land away, pay a set amount for easements, and that's it. The farmer doesn't share in the harvest of the minerals."

For many area residents, oil takes precedence. Agriculture continues to lose when it comes up against oil interests. Thornton wonders what people expect future generations will have to eat, as more and more agricultural land gets taken out of production. "For me, the biggest thing is that we have the horse behind the cart," he remarks. "The price of commodities has gone up, but nowhere near as much as the price of oil. Farmers need oil products to run equipment, but input costs like fuel and fertilizer are getting out of hand. People need to decide if they want to eat food or drink oil."

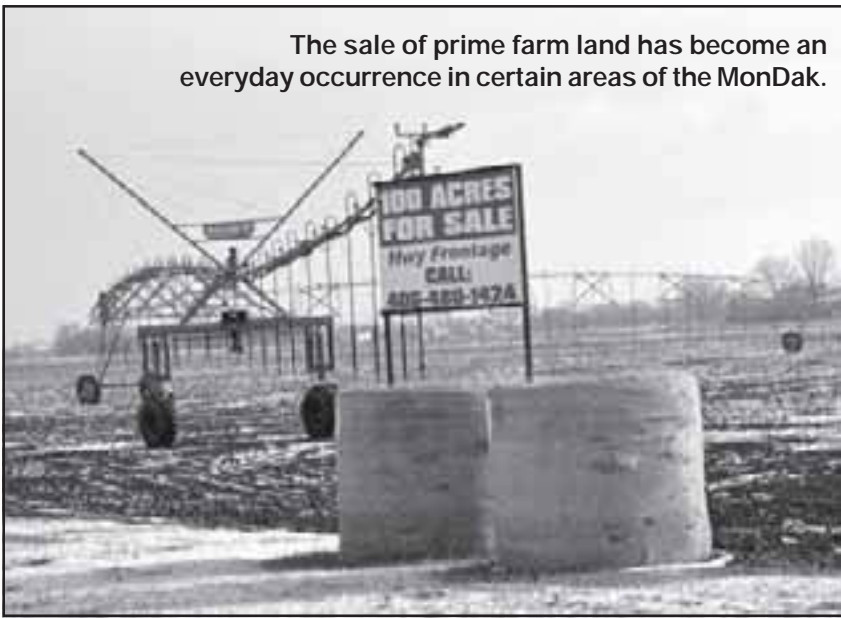
He adds, "With input costs so out of hand, if a farmer has one disaster year, it could be all over for him."

If all farmers received a share of the oil wealth, it would provide some compensation for the loss of land, the inconvenience of farming around oil, the horrendous input costs farmers face just to plant a crop each spring, and for the loss of a way of life. However, that won't happen, and agriculture will continue to lose ground. "Half the people in our area are not profiting," Thornton remarks. "They don't have oil wells and it gets harder and harder to keep up. We are getting to the point where we have the haves and the have nots. Farmers with some oil income will be OK, those without will continue to struggle and get to the point where they will disappear."

The pastoral way of life we have known has gone the way of the tyrannosaurus Rex, a fact that makes many of us weep. "The old way of life is no more," Thornton says. "Oil has taken that away. Many people are leaving, looking for the way of life we had here and that we no longer have. They want it back, and they know they won't find it here."

He concludes, "I have a friend from Oklahoma who witnessed an oil boom in his area. He told me two years before it happened just what would happen here to us, and he was right. He came here to get away and to enjoy our way of life, but now that way is gone. This used to be frontier, the way we liked it. Now we are just an oil hot spot."

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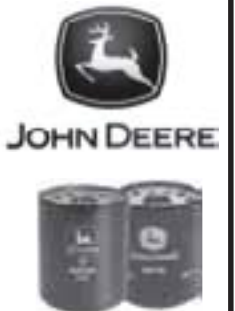


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A Little Bit Country U.S. Beef Industry Regains Net Export Status

By Warren Froelich
NDSU Extension Agent
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In the last ten years, beef and cattle trade between the United States and foreign countries has become increasingly complex with respect to economic and political factors. The U.S. exports not just meat, but also many non-meat items as well as live animals. Understanding all of the export/import numbers of many reports is often difficult, for me anyway. However, Jim Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center director, based in Denver, recently sent a report which analyzes U.S. beef trade. I found it quite easy to follow because his analysis put it in dollar values and categorized trades into categories: 1) Live Cattle and Calves; 2) Beef/Veal, which includes fresh and frozen bone-in, boneless, carcass beef, corned beef, beef sausages, and salted beef; 3) Variety Meats, incorporating all edible offal and meat extracts; 4) Beef Tallow and Greases; and 5) Hides.

Permit me to start with exports. Except for the BSE impacted years, since the 1980s the dollar value of U.S. beef industry exports has continued to trend upward. In 1992, the total export value

was about \$4.3 billion with beef/veal at just over \$2.0 billion followed by hides at \$1.15 billion. By 2002, the cattle/beef sector exports totaled near \$5.1 billion with beef/veal accounting for \$2.6 billion of the total. Last year (2011), the value of U.S. cattle and beef exports totaled a record \$8.1 billion, nearly \$2.0 billion higher than 2010. The total value of hide exports was \$1.5 billion, followed by tallow and greases at \$765 million, and variety meats at \$686 million. In addition, live cattle and calf exports were valued at \$376 million, a record as well. Export values for all categories in 2011 were above a year ago as both export volumes and prices were significantly above those of 2010.

The major exports of beef/veal go to Canada, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. These seven countries accounted for 94% of total beef/veal exports in 1992, but only 80% in 2011. The decline is the result of continued BSE related trade restrictions in many Asian countries limiting export volumes as well as export demand growth in other foreign markets. For example, in 1992, sales of beef/veal to Japan totaled \$1.13 billion or over half the

total export value. This was followed by Canada at \$355 million (17% of total value) with South Korea and Mexico each accounting for 10% of the total value. Last year, U.S. beef/veal sales to Canada surpassed the \$1 billion mark, representing about 21% of the total value of beef/veal exports. Beef/veal exports to Mexico and Japan accounted for about 16% each followed by South Korea with 14% and Russia at 5% of total export value.

Now, for the import figures. In terms of dollar value, U.S. cattle and beef imports have trended upwards during the last 30 years, driven by lean beef products and feeder cattle. In 1992, the total value of U.S. cattle and beef imports was nearly \$3.12 billion, with beef/veal accounting for \$1.8 billion. By 2002, the total import value of cattle and beef had climbed to \$4.2 billion with the value of U.S. beef/veal representing \$2.6 billion. In 2011, the U.S. imported \$4.7 billion worth of cattle, beef and beef products, slightly larger than 2010 and 7% less than the record set in 2007. Beef/veal continued to be the largest category at \$2.9 billion which was slightly higher than 2010s. Continued on next page.



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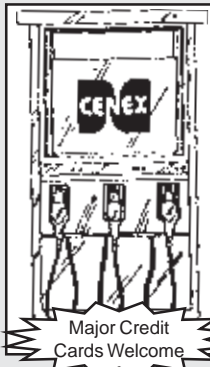
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Continued from page 19. Despite declines in import tonnage, the lower U.S. dollar value relative to trading partner currencies contributed to a higher beef/veal import value. Last year, cattle and calf imports totaled \$1.5 billion, followed by variety meats at \$143 million, and hides and tallow/greases which were both \$51 million.

The U.S. buys beef/veal from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Uruguay. Those seven countries represented just fewer than 93% of the total value of U.S. beef/veal imports in 1992 and just slightly more than 93% in 2011. The lack of change re-

fects gains by countries offsetting the losses of others. For example, in 1992 39% of the total value of U.S. imports was accounted for by Australia followed by New Zealand at 27%, Canada at 15%. Last year, Canada was the source of 28% followed by Australia at 23% and New Zealand at 22%.

Prior to 2003, the U.S. was a net exporter of cattle, beef and beef products, but due to BSE trade restrictions the U.S. became a net importer in 2004. Not until 2008 did the U.S. return to net exporter status. For 2011, the U.S. net export value was a record \$3.4 billion compared to \$1.8 billion in 2010 and well above pre-BSE values.

2011 was a banner year for the U.S. beef industry. The increase in cattle prices this past year was largely because of new dollars flowing into the industry from overseas consumers. Robb cites a variety of factors including international economic conditions, global cattle supplies and currency exchange rates as having positive impacts on the value of U.S. cattle exports and predicts the U.S. will remain a strong net exporter in 2012.

More details of Robb's analysis can be found on our website www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension as a link to the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC).

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Farming A Vanishing Way of Life

By Lois Kerr

The 2007 Census of Agriculture pointed out some inescapable facts that will affect the next few generations if we don't take steps to reverse the trend. According to the Census, "Our agricultural landscape continues to change, but behind the numbers is also a story – a story of stewardship, hard work, and the unending fight to protect the working lands that sustain us. Every minute two acres of farmland are lost to development. Fewer and fewer farmers are able to stay on the land, and farms are increasingly facing development pressures that threaten our productive soils and our national security."

Farm acreage has decreased by more than six million acres from 2002-2007. In 2007, 125,000 farms produced 75% of the value of U.S. agricultural production. While government payments averaged approximately \$9,523 per farm, production expenses on those farms averaged a whopping \$109,000.

We know these figures have not improved since 2007. Development, soaring fuel and fertilizer costs, the coming fight over who gets the available water and the looming food shortages will all impact farming in the coming years. Forget those dire predictions we've all heard about 2050. We might not have that long. Experts predict that by 2025, the earth

will house 1.7 billion more people who will all need fed, and that 1.8 billion people will face critical water shortages. Food and water demands will continue to increase, and natural resources will become more and more precious.

In Europe and North America, farming represents less than 5% of the work force, and worldwide the total rural population continues to decrease. In 1960, five acres fed two people; by 2025, we'll need to feed five people on those same five acres.

Thanks to technology, farmers do produce better yields using fewer resources than did their counterparts of 25 years ago. Ranchers can produce four cows using the same amount of resources that their grandparents used to grow five cows. In the past 20 years, the amount of land needed to grow a bushel of corn has dropped by 37%, a bushel of soybeans requires 26% less land than it took 20 years ago, and soil loss through corn cultivation has fallen 69% per bushel. These are just a few of the strides farmers have made in producing more food using fewer resources.

Whether technology can keep up with population pressures remains to be seen. Many scientists privately believe the technology is too little too late if we can't put a lid on population growth. People need to realize that



Above: Pumpjacks keep popping up on field after field in the area, using anywhere from four to seven acres of land for each location.

support of the total agricultural industry must take top priority in the years to come. If we keep relegating this crucial industry to second and third place, behind oil, behind housing development, and behind everything and anything else that comes along, our great grandchildren will face food shortages, even here in America. We need to address the issues hampering agriculture and we need to take immediate steps to rectify those issues.

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Steam Tractor Finds Home In Crane



Dave and his son Daniel plowing with the Case Engine on June 14, 2009 at the Lewistown (Pioneer Power Days) antique tractor and engine show.

By Lois Kerr
Boys never grow up; their toys just get bigger and more expensive. Or so says Dave Vanek, Billings, who delights in acquiring old tractors and then restoring these antiques to working condition. Vanek recently sold one of his three restored 'toys', a 1912 Case Steam Traction Engine, to Jerry Satra, Crane.

"I bought this Case Steam Traction Engine (tractor) in 1987 from a family estate sale near Medicine Hat, Alberta," Vanek remarks of the tractor now in Crane. "I restored it in 1989 and took it to its first threshing show in Lewistown in 1990 and I've taken the tractor to that show ever since. This particular tractor is the second of three that I've restored."

He laughs and adds, "I've been interested in old tractors ever since I first crawled onto the seat of one near Geraldine, MT. when I was four years old. I own that one now, too! The restoration and use of these tractors is just so cool. It's an antique tractor disease that you never get over. My dad calls it the 'rust disease' and claims it is terminal."

Vanek points out that these old steam tractors, which have a top speed of 2.5 miles per hour, required a lot of work and several men to keep them running, but they still accomplished more in a day than could a team of horses. These tractors also made it possible to break more ground in the west. "These tractors were used for

breaking sod, threshing, saw mill work, and any other chore requiring belt or drawbar power," Vanek explains. "Western U.S. and Canada were broken up with these steam engines as these machines can easily pull an eight bottom moldboard plow, depending on engine size, of course."

Farmers typically used coal to stoke these tractors, which work exactly like a steam locomotive, but farmers could also use wood, straw, oil, or any other fuel to build steam to power the machine. "Most farmers used coal or oil when farming because of the practicality of those fuels," Vanek comments. "If the engines were used to run saw mills, then wood was the fuel of choice

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for obvious reasons, and at threshing time farmers often burned straw."

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He continues, "Once it is running, it needs constant attention, so farmers usually had a crew. It takes two people to run a steam en-

gine, the fireman who keeps the pressure up and manages the fuel input, and the engineer who operates and maintains it. Another one or more people had to haul water and fuel from a source to the tractor."

This model has a single speed, and goes the same speed forward or backward. Vanek says that some of these steam engines had a higher road gear for use as freighting engines.

Vanek enjoyed working with this tractor and attended the Lewistown tractor show with it, but eventually he decided to part with this machine. "I had a lot of fun with this tractor and so did my kids," Vanek says. "We even

paraded it down Main Street in Lewistown. However, I decided to sell it to pay off student loans."

Jerry Satra, the new owner, first saw this machine at Lewistown and he promptly fell in love with it. When Vanek put the tractor up for sale, Satra heard of it through a friend and contacted Vanek. The result? The tractor now has a new home.

"This tractor was a delayed Christmas present to myself," Satra comments. "I'm still thinking about what I'll do with it. If I can find a saw mill, I'll use the tractor to run that."

He laughs and concludes, "I don't think I'll farm with it, but watch for black smoke this spring."



This Case steam engine has provided a lot of fun for Dave Vanek, right, who has now sold this toy to Jerry Satra, left.

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Raymond Jolley

Fitness and Wellness

Raymond Jolley has been selected as student of the month by the Fitness and Wellness Department. Raymond moved to Montana from Wyoming four years ago and likes living in Sidney because he believes the people in Sidney are very supportive and understanding. Raymond is very involved in the wrestling program at Sidney High School and respects his coaches and teammates. What impressed Ms. D is the fact that Raymond is deaf but his disability DOES NOT interfere with his academics and athletics. When I first met Raymond I did not realize he had any physical problem at all because of his attitude toward life which is amazingly positive. Raymond has a very unique personality which enables him to get along with his teachers and his peers. Raymond enjoys hunting, traveling, Boy Scouts and he is involved with many church activities. He also loves learning about government and history because he would like to be-

come President of the United States. Sidney High School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated young man as part of our student body. The Fitness and Wellness Department is proud to acknowledge Raymond Jolley as the student of the month. He is the son of Gary Jolley and Kathleen Jolley.



Ciara Parks

Business Department

The Business Department at Sidney High School has chosen senior Ciara Parks, daughter of Carmen Parks, as the Student of the Month. Ciara has shown an interest and aptitude in the field of business and has taken many business and computer courses throughout her tenure at Sidney High School, including Accounting as an independent study course. Ciara was the state champion in the Stockmarket Game Investwrite Essay contest as a sophomore. She constantly challenges herself to do well in all courses and is currently ranked at the very top of the senior class with a perfect 4.0 GPA. She has been actively involved in

Business Professionals of America and attended the 2011 National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, and she currently serves as Secretary of the organization. Ciara is an active, involved student, displaying leadership and service in a variety of capacities, including Key Club, Trading Cards, National Honor Society, Jobs for Montana Graduates, Young Adult Service Corps, and her church youth group in addition to holding a part-time cooperative education job at Seitz Insurance. Ciara intends to major in a business field at Montana State University in Bozeman or St. Thomas College. Congratulations, Ciara!



Camden Berka

Camden Berka and his family are new to our community. Camden has been very proactive at Sidney Middle School. He has a great attitude in class and participates well. He is active in band. Camden has shown great effort to get to know SMS and asks for extra information on topics he is unfamiliar with. He and his

family positively support Sidney Public Schools.



Benjamin Wenzel

Benjamin Wenzel is the son of Kim and James Wenzel. He is in Mrs. Thompson's fourth grade class. Ben is a very hard worker. He takes his time and double checks his work. He is very concerned about others and always willing to lend a helping hand whenever he can. I am very proud of Ben for all the time he puts into doing his work and how hard he tries!!!

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For more information or to register, go to www.northern-crops.com and follow the educational courses link or call 701-231-7736.

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<p>2011 Silverado 2500 4WD Ext. Cab #C3811</p> <p>MSRP \$41,130 Murphy Discount - \$2,554 Rebate - \$3,000 * Trade Allowance - \$1,000</p> <p>TRUCK MONTH \$34,576</p>	<p>2011 Traverse AWD 2LT #C3993</p> <p>MSRP \$39,970 Murphy Discount - \$1,746 Rebate - \$3,000</p> <p>TRUCK MONTH \$35,224</p>	<p>2011 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SIT #G3541</p> <p>MSRP \$43,695 Murphy Discount - \$2,796 Rebate - \$4,005 * Trade Allowance - \$ 2,000</p> <p>TRUCK MONTH \$34,894</p>
<p>2011 Sierra 3500 4WD Crew WT Duramax #G3050</p> <p>MSRP \$48,386 Murphy Discount - \$3,934 Rebate - \$3,000 * Trade Allowance - \$ 2,750</p> <p>TRUCK MONTH \$38,702</p>	<p>2011 SRX Turbo AWD Premium #K3276</p> <p>MSRP \$55,845 Murphy Discount - \$2,918 Rebate - \$1,500</p> <p>TRUCK MONTH \$51,427</p>	<p>0% Financing Plus Trade Allowance on Silverado's and Sierra's</p> <p>0% Financing on Corvettes</p> <p>\$4500 Rebate on 2012 Impalas (Excludes LS)</p>

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Top Readers

West Side Elementary School in Sidney celebrated "I Love to Read" this week with "Go Wild For Reading". The top three readers in each grade were honored. Pictured are: front row (L to R) Grade 1: 3rd place - Tristyn Brost and Allyson Nentwig; 2nd place - Jayden Bower; Grade 2: 3rd place - Trevin Trudell; 2nd place - Amelia Williams; 1st place - Avery Unruh. Middle row (L to R) Grade 3: 3rd place - Alexa Iversen and

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