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37th Annual Glendive Agri-Trade Expo Feb. 13th

Submitted by Kathy McLane

The 37th annual GATE, the Glendive Agri-Trade Expo, is heading our way February 13th and 14th, 2015. Vendors displaying at this Glendive tradeshow are from across Montana and many states including North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Minnesota, Idaho and even Canada. The tradeshow will again be hosted at the EPEC building located at 313 S Merrill Street, Glendive, MT.

GATE provides an excellent venue to escape the tedium of winter doldrums and cabin fever with the opportunity to enjoy the company of our great folks in agricultural community & spending time with ag businesses and suppliers. New technologies and innovations keep the ag industry viable and growing.

As an added incentive in 2015, attend the Rangeland and Cropland weed seminars at GATE from 1-5 on Friday, February 13th. These seminars will qualify attendees for 3 points.

GATE raffle prizes this year are:

Grand Prize: Weatherby Vanguard Deluxe 270 Winchester with a beautiful Woodstock and a 4-16X50 Scope.

1st Prize: Ruger 77/17 Hornet with Heavy Duty laminated stock and Nikon 3-9X40 Scope.

2nd Prize: Remington 870 Wingmaster 12 gauge shotgun with a 28" barrel and high gloss Woodstock.

Glendive motels are offering room blocks especially for GATE so pack your sweetheart and attend. Speaker for the Saturday evening banquet is Northern Ag Net's Rocky Erickson. His humorous entertainment style will be enjoyed by all. Following the banquet, dance to one of the country's best dance bands, Sam Platt & the Kootenai Three.

Please contact any GATE member or contact 406-987-3777 with any questions or for more information. There are still vendor opportunities available but they will fill quickly. Join us for an annual event that is celebrating 37 years!



MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show event was held at the Richland County Fair Event Center in Sidney January 16 and 17. The Ringling 5 performed the 'Norwegian Sheepdog Rap' on Friday night.

NRCS Extends Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Funding

Submitted by Jamie Selting
NRCS District Conservationist

Sidney, Mont. – Irrigators in the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) area in Dawson and Richland Counties have until Friday February 20, 2015, to apply for financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to install sprinkler irrigation systems on irrigated land.

For the past five years, owners and operators of land within the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project have received funding from NRCS through its Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) to increase irrigation efficiency on agricultural land. The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District sets priorities for the funding and sprinkler irrigation systems have been a high priority for the LYIP in the past due to their high water application efficiency. "The 2014 Farm Bill cut AWEP funding levels last year,"

according to Jamie Selting, District Conservationist in the Sidney NRCS Field Office. The last scheduled year for the AWEP program was 2014, but since funding levels came in short, the NRCS in Montana has provided funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to fill the gap in 2015. These funds are eligible for projects in Dawson and Richland Counties in Montana only.

Selting is encouraging irrigators interested in the program to sign up by Friday Feb. 20, 2015. Eligible participants compete for funds to assist in the installation of conservation practices that increase irrigation efficiency in the LYIP area. Producers with projects in Montana should contact the Sidney NRCS Field Office at 406-433-2103 or stop in the office at 2745 W Holly St., Sidney, Montana.



The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held their annual banquet on January 19. Receiving awards were Patrick Hackley - Agriculture Award, Sara Bomo - Educator of the Year, TriFecta - Entrepreneur's Award, Footers - Horizon Award, The Peterson Family - Partners in Progress Award and Karen Schoepp - Sunrise Spirit Award. (Photo by Erin Wells)

Immunization Registry Information

By Kathy Helmuth, RN, BSN Richland County Health Department

At the office here at Richland County Health Department, one of the most common requests we get is to give someone their immunization records. I have been working in public health for over 20 years and I can tell you that in the "old days", we could help them if we had given them their shots, but beyond that it was a slow process involving snail mail. Then we moved up to a fax machine and could now request and receive records that way, provided the office that had the records was open. Thankfully, technology and the creation of Immunization Information Systems (IIS) has made tracking immunization records much easier!

Today, many immunization providers have access to ImMTrax, Montana's IIS. If someone has received immunizations in Montana from a provider who enters that data or shares that data with ImMTrax, we can look the client up and print out a record in a very short time. What an improvement! We do also have limited access to look up records in North Dakota's IIS, thanks to their state health department. Most of the time, ImMTrax works very well, but sometimes there are delays due to data entry time or data upload timing of electronic records.

A couple of points of emphasis here: 1. Not all providers participate in ImMTrax, it is voluntary; 2. Not all people choose to have their records in the IIS, it is voluntary and a written consent to opt into the registry is required; and FINALLY: 3. There is NO national registry! We do not have the capabilities to look

up records in other states. We have to have a client complete a records release form that we send to the previous provider and ask them to send us the immunization history. This can be a quick process or it can take some time.

So, exactly what does ImMTrax do? It is a confidential, computerized database that contains the official immunization records for all participating Montanans. There is no charge to be in the registry. Having one record in ImMTrax allows for the creation of one complete record, bringing together immunizations done by public and private immunization providers. Access is limited to authorized health professionals, such as our immunization staff here at RCHD and staff at private provider offices.

What's in it for you or your child to be in the registry? Well, having one record in one location is a good start. Knowing that you or your child has been offered all of the currently recommended immunizations is a step towards prevention and good health. Being able to receive an immunization record when needed for child care, school, work or travel is convenient. How about NOT having to receive shots you already had because they are in the system and so your provider can see that you do not need them?

So, now the question is, where is your immunization record? If you aren't sure if you are in ImMTrax, please call or stop by the health department. And the next time you receive an immunization, ask the provider if they participate in ImMTrax. You can start doing that when you get your influenza vaccine this year!

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Nourish Your Muscles Lesson Offered

Submitted by Marcia Hellandsaas NDSU Extension Agent
McKenzie County

Do you take good care of your muscles? The saying "if you don't use it, you lose it!" applies to your muscles. Maintenance of your muscles plays a major role in healthy aging.

Nourish Your Muscles will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, January 27 at the Watford City Senior Center at 205 5th Street NW.

Participants of the class will learn what our muscles do, what foods are important for good muscle health and what foods are good sources of protein and carbohydrate. Physical activity and its importance in muscle health will be included as well as making plans to impact muscle health in the future.

Taste testing, trying out exercises, recipes and discussions will be included.

This lesson is one of a series offered in conjunction with the Nourishing Boomers program. Boomers is a monthly program to provide information and strategies to eat more nutritiously and be more physically active as you can reduce your risk of developing chronic disease.

For more information, please contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 or E-mail marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

Candlelight Vigil Jan. 23rd

Submitted by Missy Smies

We would like to invite you to a Candlelight Vigil on January 23, 2015, at 7pm at the Richland County Courthouse steps, as a memorial to those who have been lost because of alcohol or drugs. This event kicks off National Drug Fact week, January 26th through February 1st, and aims to bring awareness to the dangers of drugs and alcohol on individuals and their families. This year's Fact Week is intended to Shatter the Myths of alcohol and drugs. Candles will be available at the event and donations will be accepted to help the 7th Judicial Adult Treatment Court Graduates continue their graduation traditions.

This event is brought to you by Richland County Stand, which is a community group that focuses on activities for youth and the community to prevent the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Vicky Parker or Missy Smies at 433-4097.

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Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:
5:00 p.m. — Sober Life Young People's NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — NA meeting, MonDak Trucking office Bldg., 725 W. Holly, Sidney.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
noon — AA, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
7 p.m. — **Watford City area Celebrate Recovery**, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
7P.M. — AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1839.6
Last Week's Elev.	1839.9
One Year Ago	1832.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	20,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 12.....	11	-20	0.00
Jan. 13.....	24	-1	0.00
Jan. 14.....	34	14	0.00
Jan. 15.....	37	15	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....			0.00

OBITUARIES Bootleggers Ball Feb. 7th

Shirley Ida Mae Hunt, 92, Rapid City, SD

Shirley Ida Mae Hunt, 92, passed away January 11, 2015 in Rapid City, SD. Shirley, one of eight children of Lillian (Gretton) and Harry St. John, was born July 19, 1922 in Minneapolis, MN. In her younger years in Minneapolis she developed a love for outdoor activities especially ice skating. She also enjoyed her time spent driving a city bus and being one of the infamous “Rosie the Riveters”. The activity she was most passionate about then was singing and dancing. This passion carried throughout her life culminating in her membership with the local singing group “Joyful Guys and Gals”. Her love and compassion for others led to working for the local March of Dimes, special events at other senior centers and being a caring and compassionate companion for other elderly women in the Rapid City area. Her main activity over her later years was being the loving and caring ‘Nan’ to her twelve grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. It is this legacy of open, compassionate and sharing love which is demonstrated by all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for which she will be most remembered.



Shirley Ida Mae Hunt

Shirley was preceded in death by Floyd A. Hunt, Sr., the father of her six children, two sons, Floyd A. Hunt, Jr., Harry Donald Hunt, great grandson Owen MacFarland, three brothers and four sisters.

She is survived by her children, Tom (Kathy) Hunt, Mableton, GA, Roxann (Wilson) Tate, Miles City, MT, Peggy (Greg) Ritter, Gillette, WY, and Laura (Craig) Heisler, Rapid City, SD. She was ‘Nan’ to twelve grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She was also survived by a nephew and a niece.

Visitation was held from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home followed by a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Rev. Ed Vanorny celebrating.

Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.behrenswilson.com.

June C. Olsen, 98, Sidney, MT

June C. Olsen, 98, of Sidney, MT died early Friday morning, January 16, 2015 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care. At June’s wish, no services will be held, and cremation has taken place. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Clinton “Jay” Emly, 42, Fairview, MT

Funeral services for Clinton “Jay” Emly, 42, of Fairview, MT will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 22, 2015, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Fairview, MT with Pastor Bob Meehan officiating. Interment will take place in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Jay died on Saturday, January 17th, 2015 at the Sidney Health Center.

Applications Accepted for Leadership Montana Class of 2016

Leadership Development Program Prepares for 12th Class

BILLINGS, Mont. - Leadership Montana, the state’s premier leadership development organization, has opened the application process for the Class of 2016. The class will meet in communities across the state during the months of September, 2015 to May, 2016. Applications are accepted until April 15.

“We look forward to receiving applications from all corners of Montana,” said executive director Chantel Schieffer. “Our program is designed to meet the needs of professionals in all stages of their careers, from all industries and communities.”

The Class of 2016 will visit Big Sky, Whitefish, Bozeman, Helena, North Central Montana, Glasgow and Billings. During visits, participants will learn about challenges and opportunities facing Montana through conversations with community leaders and tours of emerging and traditional businesses.

Leadership Montana is a collaboration of leaders from business, labor, healthcare, higher education, non-profit organizations and government coming together to form a strong partnership for the betterment of our state. Leadership Montana offers participants a program that strengthens leadership skills while fostering personal growth and reflection.

Established in 2004, the program has more than 450 alumni including members of the state legislature, the Governor’s staff, the Board of Regents, city and county government and CEOs and leaders of private businesses and non-profits across Montana. More information about the program, including the application form, can be found at www.leadershipmontana.org.

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Submitted by Jodi Leland

The 1st Annual Bootleggers Ball, sponsored by the Sidney Elks Lodge and the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County, will provide a unique opportunity to support the youth of Richland County. This fundraising event will feature premium whiskey and spirit tasting. National distributors as well as boutique distilleries from throughout the West will present a wide range of tastings to choose from on February 6 from 7 PM to Midnight.

This Roaring Twenties-themed event will present music by Tumbledown House, a live auction, a complimentary old-fashioned glass, and table-service hors d’oeuvres. The event will also provide a photo booth for guests to commemorate their Roaring Twenties era costumes if they choose to wear them. Free shuttle services will be provided following the event.

This fundraising event will support the Boys and Girls Club building fund as well as sponsor scholarships for Richland County children to attend Camp Make-A-Dream this summer.

Tickets for the event are on sale now at Sidney Liquors for \$100 per person. Space is limited so it is advised to purchase them as soon as possible. You also may reserve your tickets by calling Jodi Leland at 480-1999.

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Fri., Jan. 23rd

12:00 p.m. - The Richland Red Hatters will meet for lunch at the Eagles Lodging on Highway 200 West, towards Lambert, at County Road 344. Please RSVP by January 21st, or if a ride needs to be arranged. Call Sylvia at 798-3882 to RSVP.

Wed., Jan. 28th

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Fairview Community Blood Drive. Held at the Fairview High School Gym, 713 S Western Ave. To schedule your appointment or for more info contact Marsha Buckley at 742-3342 or the American Red Cross at 1-800-695-7258.

Fri., Jan. 30th SENIOR COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Jan. 30th Distribution from 9am-Noon at the back door of the Nutter Building located at 123 W. Main. Call 406-433-4353 with any questions.

Fri., Feb 6th

7:00 p.m. - 1st Annual Bootleggers Ball, sponsored by the Sidney Elks Lodge and the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County. This fundraising event will feature premium whiskey and spirit tasting. This roaring-twenties themed event will present music by Tumbledown House, a live auction, a complimentary old-fashioned glass, and table-service hors d’oeuvres. The event will also provide a photo booth to commemorate the evening. Free shuttle services will be provided following the event. This fundraising event will support the Boys and Girls Club building fund as well as sponsor scholarships for Richland County children to attend Camp Make-A-Dream this summer. Tickets for the event are on sale now at Sidney Liquors for \$100 per person. Space is limited. You may also reserve your tickets by calling Jodi at 480-1999.

Sat., Feb. 7th

6:30 p.m. - Celebrating Chocolate at the MonDak Heritage Center. Amazing live music, lots of chocolate and a fine selection of wine and beer to compliment the evening. Entertainment will include the jazz duo of Tumbledown House, Gillian Howe and Tyler Ryan Miller. This years fundraising event includes a special VIP opening beginning at 6:30 p.m. for those who sponsor tables. Tickets for members of the MonDak are on sale for \$50. Anyone can join at the time of purchase to take advantage of member pricing. Tickets are also on sale to the public for \$60. For more info contact Leann at the MonDak Heritage Center, mdhc@richland.org.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Tues., Jan. 27th

11:00 a.m. - Nourish Your Muscles at the Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW. Nourish Your Muscles is a lesson that is part of a series offered in conjunction with the Nourishing Boomers program by the McKenzie County Extension Office. Boomers is a monthly program to provide information and strategies to eat more nutritiously and be more physically active as you can reduce your risk of developing chronic disease.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 13th & 14th

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WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

Missouri Basin Bowman hosts a Super Bowl Shoot at the MBB Building at Willston, ND fairgrounds. Events are Competitive 3D Round, Non-Competitive 3D Round, Fun Rounds, and Two-Man Best Arrow. Also offering Adult (15-18+), Youth (12-14), Child (7-11), and Senior (55+) classes. For fees and registration times call 701-770-3244 or 701-770-2939 or visit www.missouribasinbowmen.com.

March 11th & 12th

Job Service Spring Job Fair in Williston, ND. First day will be only oilfield, second day will be all industry jobs. Sponsored by Job Service North Dakota, Williston Economic Development, Grand Williston Hotel, Williston Herald, and Williston Area Chamber of Commerce.

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View all monthly events on our calendar at:
www.roundupweb.com

Richland Community Complex

“The Time Is Now, Together We Can!”

Submitted by Lisa Gorder
Attention Richland County Educators and Students!
We are excited to announce an opportunity for all Richland County students to be a part of making the Richland Community Complex a reality! It is time for the RICHLAND COMMUNITY COMPLEX DESIGN CHALLENGE! We would like all students to participate in this challenge! We are looking for some great designs that utilize the idea of the Richland Community Complex. Please ask your students to be creative. These designs will be used to create posters, yard signs, buttons, and logos. We would like to see what they would like in the new facility. What are their dreams? Some ideas that we have heard and that can be used are:
Recreation Facility - Gym space for basketball/volleyball/ Locker rooms • Indoor Track - Track & Field practice area

MT Dept. of Revenue Now Offers Online Personal Property Reporting

HELENA – Business and industrial equipment owners can now submit their personal property reporting forms electronically through the Department of Revenue’s online Taxpayer Access Point (TAP), the department announced Wednesday.
“The new online reporting system is user-friendly, free, and a time saver,” said Cynthia Monteau Moore, administrator for the Department of Revenue’s Property Assessment Division. “Being able to file personal property reporting forms electronically is going to make it easier for business owners across the state to conduct business efficiently.”
The department mailed personal property reporting forms to business owners on January 5. Business and industrial taxpayers have until March 1 to submit their personal property reporting forms to the department either electronically through TAP at <https://tap.dor.mt.gov/> or by paper form. A reporting form must be submitted to the department even if there were no changes to the personal property since the previous tax year, or if the business closed or was sold.
If a business or industrial equipment owner reported personal property information to the department during the

previous tax year, the information will be prepopulated in the online form in TAP. Owners can easily verify their existing information and make any updates, add new property, or delete property that is no longer in service.
Business and industrial equipment owners are welcome to contact the department’s call center at 1-866-859-2254 or, in Helena, 444-6900 with any personal property reporting questions.
Online reporting improves effectiveness in the delivery of public services, which is a key component of Governor Steve Bullock’s Main Street Montana Project.
-Example: Pit for Pole Vaulting, etc. • Weight/Fitness Area • 2 Racquetball courts • Pool (lap pool, lazy river, water slide, youth area) Hot tub, sauna (wet,dry) • Teen Lounge (arcade, pool table, etc) • Climbing Wall • Golf simulator • Batting cages • Roller skating/in-line skating area • Studio rooms (dance, aerobics, etc) • Trampoline Room • Practice Ice/Curling space • Multi-Use Outdoor Fields – Flag football, tackle football, soccer, softball, baseball • Day Care area with indoor play facility • Library - Digital learning - Hands on Learning space – Books – Recreation space • Auditorium- Band, Choir, Theatre, Dance – Possible screen for movies/meetings • Gymnastics • After School Program -Schools Out Program Large atrium/entrance - Memorials/sponsorships. Art Displays. • Arena- Multi-use – seating for 4000. • Exhibit Hall – Concrete floor – dividable/ multi-use – Gyms - Indoor soccer/ football - Rodeos/ropings/Livestock shows • Community College Space - Conference Rooms Common Area/Concessions.
Please tell students to use their imagination! We would like to see the words Richland Community Complex in the poster. They can use the slogan “The Time Is Now, Together We Can!” or they can come up with something of their own. They can use any

type of art or design to create the poster/sign for this contest. These will be used to promote and help us to fundraise for the Richland Community Complex!
There will be 4 age divisions for this contest:
High School – Grades 9-12, Middle School – Grades 6-8, Elementary – Grades 3-5, Elementary – Grades K-2
Prizes for this contest: 1st in each division \$100, 2nd in each division \$50, 3rd in each division \$25
Deadline for the contest is Feb. 18th. We will pick up the designs at your school office on this date or you can drop off the poster designs at Krigen Construction, 1645 S. Central Ave., Sidney, MT.
We will be offering a pre-school coloring contest at a later date. We are hoping that one of these great designs will be the poster that we can use for the coloring contest!
We truly believe in this project and are excited to see what the future of our community holds.
The Time Is Now, Together We Can!
Richland Community Complex Committee
Lisa Gorder, Ross Hall, Julie Brodhead, Mark Martin, Dan Peters, Jessica Davies, Colter DeVries, Connie Sturgis, Serina Everett, Pat McWilliams, Joe Bradley, Angie Olson, Travis Peterson, Shandon Erickson, Billie Hillesland, Andrew Shiffer, Dan Earle, Ray Johnson, Libby Knotts; Jessica Kostelecky, Jolene Baxter, Roger Beyer, Danielle Diede

5th Annual Frozen Tundra Invitational Judo Tournament

By Mike Bergh
Two members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do and Judo school travelled to Dickinson, North Dakota to participate in the 5th Annual Frozen Tundra Invitational Judo Tournament. This tournament was hosted by the Roughrider Judo school in Dickinson, held at Dickinson High School.
Due to limited numbers of competitors, most divisions had white belts to black belts involved and were divided by age and weight. Casey Christensen, in the high school lightweight division, placed 2nd. Shawn Deleske, in the high school heavyweight division, placed 3rd.



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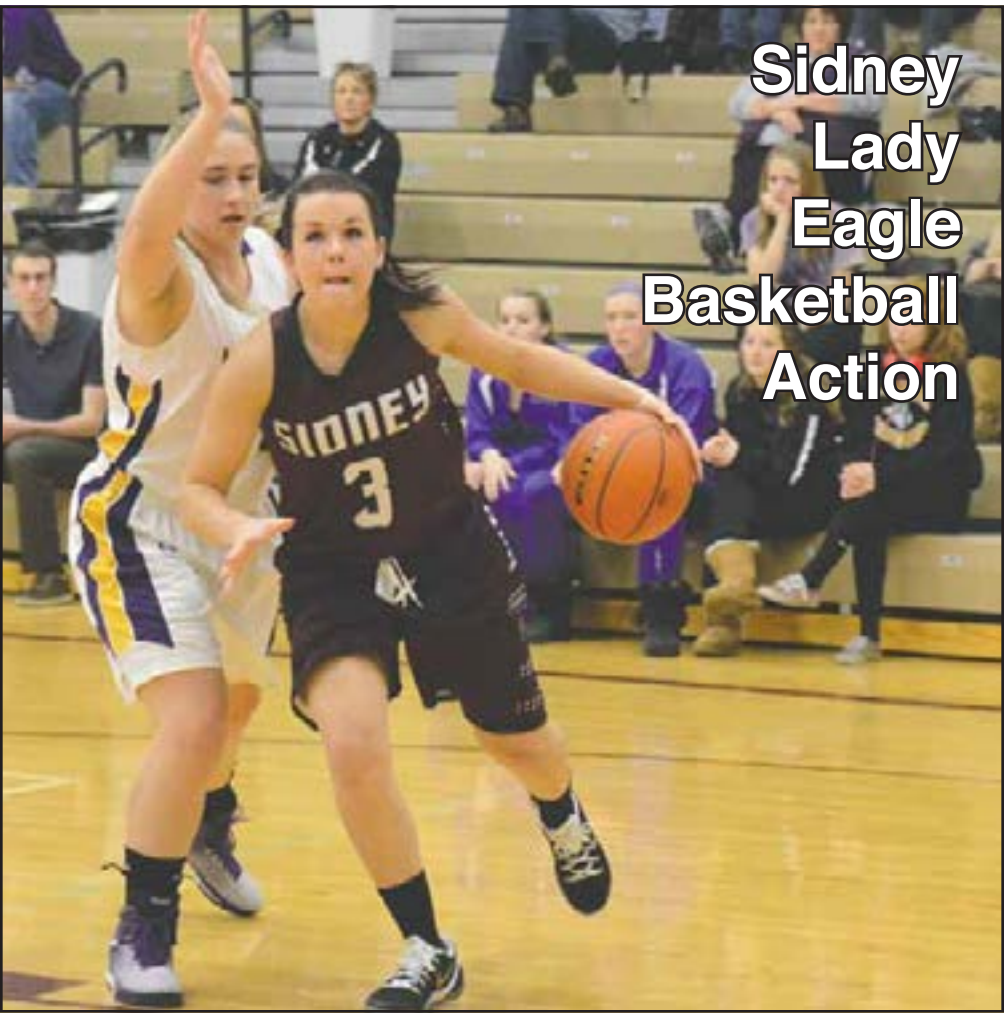
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Lakayla Nentwig dribbles the ball down the court last Saturday against Laurel. (Photo by Kathy Johnson) The lady Eagles lost to Laurel. The lady Eagles will travel to Glasgow on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and to Miles City on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



Sidney Lady Eagle Basketball Action

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Hailey Steinbeisser shoots the ball against Billings Central last Friday. The lady Eagles lost to Billings Central. (Photo by Kathy Johnson)

Bainville Ratepayers to Save \$178,000 from SRF Program Changes

Submitted by Mike Wessler, Governor's Office Deputy Communications Director
Helena, Mont. – Governor Steve Bullock today announced that ratepayers in Bainville will save \$178,257 thanks to changes he made to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program last year.

The savings come as part of a new \$156,000 SRF loan that was approved to improve the city's wastewater treatment system, as well as the refinancing of an existing \$328,000 to the new lower rate.

"Through strong fiscal management, and a bit of common sense, we're ensuring ratepayers in Bainville can keep more money in their pockets," Bullock said of the loan. "We'll continue to work with local communities to find responsible ways to make critical infrastructure improvements, while saving money for Main Street Montana businesses and customers.

The community, which had a population of 150 in 2008, has seen their population swell to 858 due to growth associated with oil and gas development in the region. The loan will allow the city to make important upgrades to the city's wastewater system, allowing it to serve a population of 1,500. Through the project, the city will replace a water storage tank and approximately 4,000 feet of outdated cast-iron pipeline. It is scheduled for completion at the end of 2015.

Last year, Bullock reduced the interest rates on loans through the SRF loan program in order to expand local government's access to capital to make important upgrades to local infrastructure, while saving ratepayers money. He reduced long-term interest rates in this program from 3 percent, to 2.5 percent, and reduced construction interest rates from 3 percent to 1.5 percent. In addition, he

reduced the amount of financial reserves communities must hold in order to receive a loan, and reduced the debt service coverage communities must have. These changes were made possible through strong fiscal management at the state level and the state's sterling bond rating. In their first year, these reduced rates are expected to provide \$29 million in additional savings for ratepayers.

The changes to the SRF interest rate were made as part of Bullock's Main Street Montana Project. This project is building and implementing a business plan for the state of Montana that helps businesses grow, supports job creation, and increases wages. One of the goals of the project is to ensure Montana businesses and communities have an efficient and reliable infrastructure.

Bullock has proposed additional investments in infrastructure in Eastern Montana, including upgrades to roads, bridges and schools. This proposal requires approval from the 2015 Legislature.


The State Revolving Fund loan program, which is administered by DNRC and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), enables Montana communities to upgrade or expand critical drinking or wastewater treatment facilities at the lowest possible cost.

For more information on the State Revolving Fund program, contact Anna Miller of DNRC at (406) 444-6689, or visit the Montana DNRC Web site at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/>.

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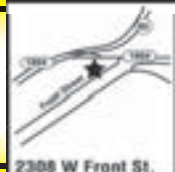
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Celebrating Chocolate At MHC February 7

Submitted by Kim Simmonds - Executive Director Mon-Dak Heritage Center

We look forward to our Celebrating Chocolate fundraising event every year. Once again, we'll have amazing live music, and of course lots of chocolate and a fine selection of wine and beer to compliment the evening. There will also be coffee and plenty of ice cold milk, and savory treats.

Our entertainment will feature the jazz duo of Tumbledown House, Gillian Howe and Tyler Ryan Miller. Their music has been described as "gritty saloon jazz" and "modern speakeasy music." Find them online to get a taste of their vintage, yet fresh style. The duo has released two self-written CDs. Their music, reminiscent of our 1920s bootlegging past, is sure to be a hit!

This year includes a VIP Opening beginning at 6:30pm for those who sponsor tables. The pre-event mixer will include time with the performers, special food and drink, commemorative bottles of wine, and first pass at the silent auction.

Doors open for all other ticket holders at 7pm. Because the change in format was so successful last year, this will once again be a seated event, so fewer tickets are available compared to other popular ticketed events at the MonDak, and they won't last long.

Tickets for members of the MonDak are on sale for \$50. Anyone can join at the time of purchase to take advantage of special member pricing. Tickets are also on sale to the public for \$60. If you can't stop by, we'll be happy to process your tickets over the phone at (406) 433-3500 or via email at mdhc@richland.org. A silent auction will also take place with contributions from area artists and local businesses. Proceeds from this fundraiser will bring history, art, and live music events to the MonDak region. This special event is made possible by Stockman Bank and the membership of the MonDak Heritage Center.

Sponsored tables (and the VIP Opening) are also available for \$300 (seats 4) and \$600 (seats 8). Become a member and take advantage of the member rate today!

For more information please contact Leann at the MonDak Heritage Center, mdhc@richland.org.

Norovirus On The Rise; Take Precautions Now

Health Officials Stress Importance Of Careful Hand Washing, Food Preparation To Prevent Possible Exposure

Submitted by Jon Ebelt, Public Information Officer Montana Dept. of Public Health and Human Services

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is reporting multiple outbreaks of gastrointestinal illness, primarily norovirus, prompting state health officials to issue advice on steps everyone can take to stay healthy this winter.

"Norovirus is easily spread, but there are easy ways to limit further outbreaks by following basic prevention tips, such as proper hand washing with soap and water several times a day," said DPHHS Director Richard Oppen. "This is the most effective way to protect yourself and others against norovirus."

Noroviruses are the most common of the viruses that cause gastroenteritis. The usual symptoms of gastroenteritis include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, and stomach pain. There is no specific treatment for this illness and most individuals recover in 1 to 3 days. The illness can last longer and be more severe in young children, older persons, or persons who have other health conditions.

Since October 2014, 11 diarrheal illness outbreaks have sickened nearly 300 people throughout Montana and caused 11 hospitalizations. Traditionally, the month of January is when most of these outbreaks usually occur in Montana.

Most of the outbreaks have occurred in assisted living and nursing homes, in addition to outbreaks in the community setting as well.

"Diarrheal illnesses are usually transmitted by ingesting a contaminated product or touching a contaminated object, which could simply be shaking hands or using shared restrooms", says DPHHS epidemiologist Dana Fejes.

Norovirus and other related illnesses can best be prevented by following these prevention tips:

- Practice proper hand hygiene: Wash your hands carefully with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom or changing diapers and always before eating or preparing food. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not a substitute for washing with soap and water.
- Take care in the kitchen: Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them.
- Do not prepare food while ill: People who are ill with diarrhea should not prepare food for others while they have symptoms and for 3 days after they recover from their illness.
- Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces: After an episode of illness, such as vomiting or diarrhea, immediately clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces by using a bleach-based household cleaner as directed on the product label.
- Wash laundry thoroughly: Immediately remove clothing or linens that may be contaminated with vomit or fecal matter and wash with detergent at the maximum length available cycle.
- Stay home when you are ill: Avoid close contact to others while you are ill with diarrhea.

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Register Now for Hunter Education Classes

By the ND Game and Fish Department
Individuals interested in taking a hunter education class in 2015 are reminded to register early as most classes are held the first few months of the calendar year.

To register for a hunter education course, students need to sign up online at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. Many classes will be added over the next several weeks, and the rest will be added throughout the year as they are finalized.

To register, click on the online services tab, and "online course enrollment" under the hunter education heading. Classes are listed by city, and can also be sorted by start date. To register for a class, click on "enroll" next to the specific class, and follow the simple instructions. Personal information is required.

Those who do not have access to the Internet and want to sign up for a class can call the hunter education program in Bismarck at 701-328-6615.

Individuals interested in receiving a notice by email when each hunter education class is added can click on the "subscribe to news, email and text alerts" link found below the news section on the department's home page. Check the box labeled "hunter education class notification" under the education program updates.

In addition, SMS text notifications of new classes can be sent directly to a cell phone. Simply text "NDGF HunterClass" to 468311 to subscribe to this feature.

State law requires anyone born after December 31, 1961 to pass a certified hunter education course to hunt in the state. Hunter education is mandatory for youth who are turning 12 years old, and children can take the class at age 11.

Results from Sidney Gymnastics January Meets

Three Sidney Gymnasts competed at the Montana State Cup on January 10th, 2015 in Helena, MT. Competing Level 3 SGC were: Ella Jordan, Makhya Beyer, and Kenzie Gaffield.

The results from the Julie Ziegler Memorial Invitational on January 17th, 2015 in Bismarck, ND are as follows: Level 3- Kenzie Gaffield: 8.5 vault, 7.35 bars, 5.8 beam, 8.25 floor • Riley Jimison: 8.175 vault, 7.65 bars, 8.0 beam, 8.8 floor • Allison Thiel: 8.725 vault, 7.75 bars, 7.7 beam, 8.5 floor • Hailey Hasvold: 9.225 vault, 8.325 bars, 8.6 beam, 9.1 floor. Hailey Hasvold placed 3rd in the All Around. Level 4- Codi Hasvold: 8.325 vault, 7.25 bars, 7.8 beam, 8.7 floor • Lorraine Coronato: 7.6 vault, 7.75 bars, 8.2 beam, 8.65 floor • Suttyn Barnhart: 8.05 vault, 7.375 bars, 8.1 beam, 8.6 floor.

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Red Cross Volunteers Critical In Western North Dakota & Eastern Montana As Population Increases

By Brian Shawn | Regional Communications Officer The American Red Cross ‘Dakotas Region’

Local Red Cross volunteers respond at all hours of the day and night with food, blankets, clothing, lodging, and comfort to help more than 500 people with nowhere else to turn after disasters in 2014. That includes 15 families displaced after a tornado hit Watford City, ND last summer.

As the population in western North Dakota and eastern Montana increases, the need for volunteers and capacity also rises. From home fires to blizzards and tornadoes to floods, the Red Cross will be there. But we can’t do it without the help of our neighbors. 94% of the humanitarian services the Red Cross provides are done by volunteers.

The is why the Red Cross not only needs your help with contributions to support those in need, but also needs your help to build its volunteer base. Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Spending time with the Red Cross can provide that opportunity.



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“As responses grow in our region, building our capacity will be so important,” said Kira Nauman, Red Cross Disaster Program Manager in western North Dakota. “Having disaster team members available is critical so we can be efficient and nimble in our responses.”

The Red Cross encourages everyone in the area to take steps to be safe and ready for disaster. Download our Red Cross apps on your mobile devices for free on itunes and google play stores. These apps will give you steps before, during, and after an emergency situation.

“Preparation is the first step in the disaster cycle,” Nauman added. “Practicing escape plans and making sure your family is ready can make a huge difference.”

The Red Cross will be holding an informational meeting in Watford City, ND for those interesting in serving as a volunteer. There is no obligation to commit, just a chance to learn more.

Date: Monday, Jan. 26, Time: 6:00 p.m. Where: City Hall 213 2nd St. NE Watford City, ND

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DU Celebrates More Than 5 Million Acres Conserved In The United States

Major milestone means more habitat for waterfowl and opportunities for hunters

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Ducks Unlimited is proud to announce the successful conservation of more than 5 million acres of vital waterfowl habitat in the United States. It’s a conservation milestone 30 years in the making.

In 1984, Ducks Unlimited launched its U.S. habitat program, which was a logical extension of DU’s longstanding mission to conserve and enhance North America’s most important wetlands to waterfowl. Thanks to decades of abiding by that single mission, Ducks Unlimited is now the world’s largest and most effective private, nonprofit waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization. DU is able to deliver its work through partnerships with private individuals, landowners, agencies, scientific communities and other entities.

“Ducks Unlimited’s mission of wetlands conservation continues to be driven by science to deliver the best possible outcomes for waterfowl in the highest priority landscapes,” said DU Chief Conservation Officer Paul Schmidt. “Our team is proud of what we have accomplished and we look forward to conserving the next 5 million acres as efficiently and effectively as the last.”

Conserved acres are habitat Ducks Unlimited, with its thousands of partners, has protected, restored, enhanced or managed for waterfowl. DU considers habitat conserved if it is under an agreement that lasts at least 10 years or is owned by a public agency that assures its long-term dedication to wildlife.

DU restores or enhances habitat using direct management practices such as improving water control and hydrology or establishing native vegetation. Although DU often protects and

restores or enhances the same land multiple times, those acres are only counted once.

“This monumental conservation milestone would not have been possible without the continued help and support of our state and federal agency, corporate and volunteer partners in the United States, Canada and Mexico,” said DU CEO Dale Hall. “This is another important step to fulfill Ducks Unlimited’s vision for wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. It’s always great to celebrate an achievement like this, but we have much more work to do in the United States and across the continent.”

Continently, more than 13 million acres have been conserved in the United States, Canada and Mexico, thanks to the contributions of Ducks Unlimited’s millions of supporters.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world’s largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America’s continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 13 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org. Connect with us on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/DucksUnlimited](https://www.facebook.com/DucksUnlimited), follow our tweets at twitter.com/DucksUnlimited and watch DU videos at [youtube.com/DucksUnlimitedInc](https://www.youtube.com/DucksUnlimitedInc).

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JMAC Resources Owner, Jon McCreary, Named First Bakken Person Of The Year

By Tie Shank

WILLISTON: Selected from dozens of potential candidates by the Talkin' the Bakken editorial board, Jon McCreary, owner of JMAC Resources, was chosen as the first annual Bakken Person of the Year 2014.

The title of Bakken Person of the Year is given to a person who affects the community in a very positive manner: somebody who displays leadership, selflessness, innovation and gives back to their community.

McCreary, who grew up on a farm in the Columbian Basin Irrigation Project in a giving family, learned what it meant to 'give to those in need' at a young age. His parents befriended people that others avoided, served their church and gave to people in need. He graduated college with degrees in accounting and finance and later became the Chief Financial Officer of a publicly traded commercial bank, but his goal and ambition was to go back to his independent roots and exercise his entrepreneurial skills while running his own company.

McCreary fulfilled that goal in 2007 when he purchased JMAC Resources. Within his first year of ownership he tripled

the company's sales and JMAC Resources has steadily grown in service areas, continually meeting the need of the marketplace ever since.

McCreary is not a self-centered man by any means. In fact, he is the exact opposite. McCreary has a strong will and desire to give back to the community and to help others in need. He and his company recently won a community service award from the Williston Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute for giving back to the community.

JMAC is very active in community organizations. In the past they have provided coats and snow pants to needy children in local schools, provided aid to those facing domestic abuse, participated in cleanup projects sponsored by city and industry affiliates, collected food and pajamas for local drives, participated in the Little League World Series 'Chef of the Day' concessions fundraiser and the Million Dollar Lanes Make A Wish Foundation fundraiser.

In January 2013, McCreary was asked what his greatest accomplishments were and he

replied, "Above all the business accomplishments we have achieved as a company, I am proud of how our success has enabled us to provide our employees with well above average compensation levels. Our success has also given us all a great opportunity to give back to our community and to the less fortunate."

The Roundup congratulates Jon McCreary on the well-deserved recognition of being named the Bakken Person of the Year.



Jon McCreary

A Good Deal for Montanans

By Dick Brown, MHA President

Providing health insurance to the estimated 70,000 hardworking Montanans earning less than \$16,000 a year will promote prosperity and save lives. In the majority of states, Republicans and Democrats put aside partisan politics and expanded Medicaid to their low-income neighbors. It's time Montana lawmakers do the same.

Everyone benefits from reducing the number of uninsured Montanans. Expanding coverage will not only boost our economy by creating a healthier and more productive population, it will reduce the overall cost of health care. Everyone who pays an insurance premium is helping offset the unpaid medical costs of those

without health insurance. It's a hidden tax on businesses and the privately-insured, and lawmakers can curtail the expense by ensuring our federal tax dollars are being responsibly spent on progress at home.

Since January 1, 2014, Montana has forfeited more than \$516 million taxpayer dollars by not expanding Medicaid. It's our money, and right now, it's being used to pay for expansion in other states. Lawmakers have had four years to find a Montana solution to meaningful expansion. We're calling for action.

Expanding Medicaid promotes self-management of a healthy lifestyle by ensuring individuals have access to timely and preventive care like cancer screenings, health risk

assessments and behavioral counseling. This helps prevent minor health problems from becoming major – and very costly – health problems that could result in medical bankruptcies and extended absences from work. It is a vital component of creating a stronger Montana, where every citizen has access to high quality and affordable health care.

Montana's health care providers are committed to improving the health of the communities they serve. Using available funds to provide health insurance to our lowest earners will help accomplish that goal. We hope the 2015 Montana Legislature knows a good deal when it sees it.

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Sidney PeeWee at Minot Tourney
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Sat, Jan 24

Sidney Girls U19 at Mayport, 11 am
Watford City at Sidney Bantam, 3 pm
Watford City Girls 19U at Langdon, 11 am
Watford City Girls 19U at Park River, 4 pm

Sun, Jan 25

Sidney Girls U19 at Wahpeton, 11 am
Williston at Sidney Girls 12U, 1 pm
Watford City Girls 19U at Grand Forks
Minot at Watford City Bantam, 1 pm

Gymnastics

Fri-Sun, Jan 23-25
Sidney at Mandan

Basketball

Thurs, Jan 22

Sidney Girls at Glasgow, 3:30/5/6:30/8 pm
Watford City Girls at Trenton, 7:30 pm

Fri, Jan 23

Savage Girls at Circle, 6 pm
Savage Boys at Circle, 7:30 pm
Fairview Girls at Med Lake, 6 pm
Fairview Boys at Med Lake, 7:30 pm
Bainville Girls at Brockton, 6 pm
Bainville Boys at Brockton, 7:30 pm
R&L Girls at Culbertson, 6 pm
R&L Boys at Culbertson, 7:30 pm

Sat, Jan 24

Miles City at Sidney Boys, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm
Sidney Girls at Miles City, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm

Divide County High at Watford City Boys, 6:30 pm

Watford City Girls at Beulah, 5 pm
Savage Girls at Bainville, 4 pm
Savage Boys at Bainville, 5:30 pm
Trinity at Bainville Boys, 6 pm
Froid/Lake at Lambert Girls, 4 pm
Froid/Lake at Lambert Boys, 5:30 pm
Brockton at Culbertson Boys, 7:30 pm

Mon, Jan 26

Beach at Watford City Boys, 7:30 pm

Tues, Jan 27

Stanley at Watford City Girls, 7:15 pm

Thurs, Jan 29

Sidney Boys at Wolf Point, 4/5:30/7 pm
Wolf Point at Sidney Girls, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm
Watford City Boys at New Town, 7:15 pm

Wrestling

Fri, Jan 23

Beulah/Bowman County at Watford City, 6 pm

Sat, Jan 24

Levi Witness Classic at Watford City, 11 am

Fri & Sat, Jan 23 & 24

Sidney at Baker Duals

Tues, Jan 27

Sidney at Miles City

Thurs, Jan 29

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Mon., Jan. 26th:BBQ pork riblet, oven wedges, apricots.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Super nachos, tater tots, peaches.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry sauce, dinner roll.
Rau School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Dorito hotdish, salad, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Soup, bread, fruit.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Mac-n-cheese, carrots, applesauce, muffin.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Taco hay-stacks, salad, fresh fruit.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Cook's choice.

Savage School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Beef fritters.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Spaghetti weiner.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Polish dog and sauerkraut.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Turkey pot pie.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Hamburgers.

Lambert School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Taco, fresh veggies, pudding, milk.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Soup & sandwich, krispy bar, milk.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Fish sandwich, fries, apples, milk.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Baked potato bar, pudding, milk.

Culbertson School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Chicken noodle soup, turkey sandwich, pickle spear, fruit cocktail, milk.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Pizza stuffers, broccoli and cauliflower, pineapple rings, milk.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Macaroni and cheese with diced ham casserole, dinner rolls, peas, mandarin oranges, milk.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Loaded potato and mild buffalo chicken casserole, peaches, milk.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Taco salad in a bowl, refried beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Richey School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Baked potato bar, chicken drumsticks, pears, brownies.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Spaghetti, corn, dinner roll, oatmeal bars.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Ham & scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, pears.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Slushburgers, peas, peanut butter bars, applesauce.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Turkey noodle soup, roast beef sandwiches, crackers and pickles, oranges.

Froid School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Lasagna, corn, garlic breadsticks, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Fish shapes, sweet potato fries, baked beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Beef barley soup, egg salad sandwiches, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, salad bar, pudding, milk.

Fairview School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Pizza, fresh fruit, salad.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:NO SCHOOL.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Scalloped potatoes with ham & cheese, cauliflower, roll.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Chef salad, mixed fruit, breadstick.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, grapes.

East Fairview
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Sloppy joes, corn, salad, pears.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:NO SCHOOL.
Mon., Jan. 26th:Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, apples.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Burrito, rice, salad, mandarin oranges.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Beef veggie soup, roll, salad, peaches.

Bainville School
Thur., Jan. 22nd:Slush burgers, french fries, bean medley, pears.
Fri., Jan. 23rd:Chicken Alfredo, garlic toast, chocolate chip cheesecake.
Mon., Jan. 26th:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., Jan. 27th:Turkey & cheese wraps, tomatoes, applesauce.
Wed., Jan. 28th:Chicken noodle soup, egg or PB&J sandwiches, fruit cup.

Eagle Wrestlers Place At Cowboy Invitational In Miles City

Our Sidney team took 1st place at the Cowboy this weekend. Ethan Graves, Cody Johnson, Cody Christian and Ryan Chatterton placed 1st. Trace Jones took 2nd and Wyatt VanBuren placed 3rd.

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Mario Rangel pins his Williston opponent at the Cowboy. (Photo by Kari Jones)

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Bidegaray Brothers Cooperators Of The Year

By Julie Goss, Richland County Conservation District

Richland County Conservation District has been recognizing individuals who co-operate with the district to implement conservation practices on the land for many years. In 1977 Jean Bidegaray received the distinction of conservation district co-operator of the year. Building on the conservation practices that their father began, Remi and Claude Bidegaray have been named Richland County Conservation District Co-operators of the Year for 2014.

Remi and Claude operate their diversified farm and ranch entity under Bidegaray Brothers, together they are continuing to implement conservation practices on their land. The operation is dryland cropland, irrigated cropland and rangeland. They grow corn, alfalfa, barley and spring wheat, using most of the crops as feed for their cattle operation. Irrigation water is pumped out of the Missouri River.

In the early 1990s they entered into a long term agreement with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Richland County Conservation District to begin leveling river bottom land to improve irrigation efficiency. In 1993 they used the Great Plains Conservation Program to improve rangeland. They installed cross fences and water accesses in order to distribute cattle more effectively on the rangeland. They also planted trees to offer shelter around the feedlot. Marginal cropland was entered into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) benefiting the soil and the wildlife. Using the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) program in 2005 they added more stockwater pipelines. Due to the sandy soil on their operation they removed the field ditches and replaced them with buried piepe and began using gated pipe to irrigate their crops. They operated pivots on some lease land and realized the efficiency, water savings and timesavers that they provide. They also have a severe problem with pocket gophers damaging their

irrigation ditches causing ditches to blow out resulting in sedimentation in the field. Seepage in the ditches hampers the ability to get water to all of the fields. With the help of EQIP they were able to install two pivots on their operation. This has helped them get an even application of water on the varying soil types. They are able to adjust the pivot operation according to soil types, fast pivot movement with low water application on heavy soils to prevent runoff and slow movement with high water on sandy soils. Remi and Claude participated in the Conservation Districts soil moisture monitoring project. This project helped flood irrigators that converted to pivot see how much moisture was in the soil at varying depths. They continue to participate in Irrigation Water Management using several different methods: wireless monitoring system, flow meters and the checkbook method. Water conservation and improved efficiency are important to the Bidegarays. In 2011, Remi and Claude entered into the Conservation Stewardship Program enhancing their operation with cover crop cocktails to improve soil health, implementing no till on both irrigation and dryland cropland and improving their Rangeland management with grazing rotations.

In order to be in compliance with the endangered species act for the Pallid Sturgeon, MT FWP and the US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to mimic a spring rise on the Missouri River. Several pumpsites were in danger of being lost due to the elevation of their sites. Conservation Districts along the Missouri River and NRCS worked together to help these landowners move their pumpsites to higher ground in anticipation of this "spring rise". Remi and Claude retrofitted two pumpsites with this project. The moving of these pumpsites proved to be beneficial during the actual flood of 2011.

Having irrigation pumpsites on the Missouri comes with its own special problems, specifically the silting in of the sites during the win-

ter months. In order to assist Missouri river irrigators with this Richland and Roosevelt County Conservation Districts operate a dredge to clean out these sites. Remi and Claude are supportive of the Dredge and are always willing to help the dredge operator when he is working in their stretch of the river. They also help launch the dredge into the river at their pumpsite. This is very helpful due to the lack of boat ramps on the Missouri River.

By following in their father's footsteps and continuing to conserve, maintain and improve the natural resources on their operation; Remi and Claude know the value of protecting the natural resources for the next generation. Richland County is proud to honor them as Conservation District cooperators of the year for 2014.



Claude Bidegaray (L) and Remi Bidegaray (R) were recognized by the Richland County Conservation District as Conservation District Cooperatives.



ONEOK – A Year In Review

By Tie Shank

2014 proved to be a great year for ONEOK, one of the nation's premier energy companies involved in the natural gas and natural gas liquids businesses.

In February 2014, ONEOK successfully completed the separation of the company's natural gas distribution business into a stand-alone, publicly traded company that is now called ONE Gas, Inc. The separation allowed each company to have a greater focus on its individual strategy, financial strength and growth potential. The "New ONEOK" is now the pure-play general partner ONEOK Partners.

In addition to the separation, ONEOK completed several capital-growth projects in 2014. In April, ONEOK announced the completion of the Sterling III Pipeline, the Canadian Valley natural gas processing plant in Oklahoma as well as the addition of an E/P splitter at our Mont Belvieu fractionation facility.

In October, ONEOK announced the completion of three additional projects: the Garden Creek III natural gas processing facility in the Williston Basin of North Dakota, the first expansion to the Bakken natural gas liquids pipeline and the Niobrara NGL lateral. They also announced the acquisition of natural gas liquids

(NGL) pipelines and related assets from affiliates of Chevron Corporation.

ONEOK also announced several new projects during 2014. These include four natural gas processing facilities; the Demicks Lake Plant in McKenzie County, North Dakota, the Bear Creek plant in Dunn County, North Dakota, the Bronco plant in Wyoming and the Knox plant in Oklahoma.

ONEOK Partners has announced total investments of approximately \$8.4 billion to \$9.1 billion between 2010 and 2016 for acquisitions and capital-growth projects related to natural gas gathering and processing, and natural gas liquids and continues to have a \$4 billion to \$5 billion backlog of unannounced growth projects that it continues to evaluate.

Since 2010, ONEOK Partners has constructed, or is constructing, 11 new natural gas processing plants and related natural gas gathering infrastructure across its operating footprint – including eight in the Williston Basin, where the partnership's natural gas processing capacity in the region is expected to increase to approximately 1.2 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in the third quarter 2016 following the completion previously announced projects in the region

by the end of 2016, compared with 2010.

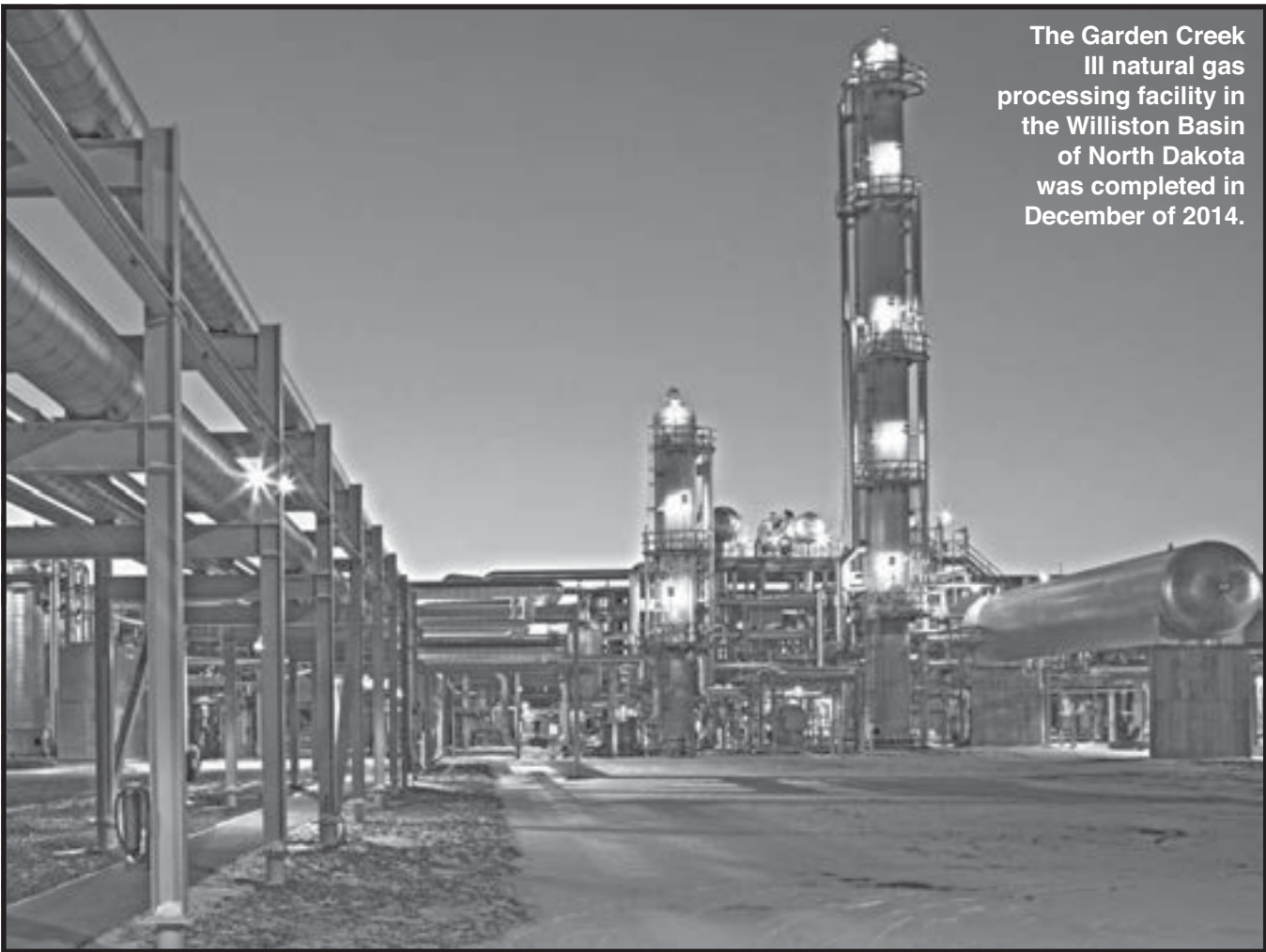
With an industry goal to reduce natural gas flaring to 5 to 10 percent of total production in 2020 in North Dakota, ONEOK will contin-

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Submitted by Sheri Sukut

RICHEY – Jim Trotter has recently been promoted to branch manager for Stockman Bank in Richey. His responsibilities include overseeing bank operations and expanding all lending activities for the branch. Trotter grew up in Richey on the family farm and ranch and was the Richey High School valedictorian for the class of 2005. He then went on to graduate with highest honors from Montana State University with a master of professional accountancy degree in 2010, and a bachelor of science degree in business with an accounting option and a minor in agricultural business in 2009. While attending MSU, he received the 2010 Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants Medallion Award, the MSU Junior Class Award for having the highest GPA in the class, and was listed on the President's List from 2005-2010. Trotter has been a certified public accountant since May 2012, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Billings Chapter of Certified Public Accountants. In his spare time, Trotter enjoys farming, ranching, hunting, golfing and playing basketball. He is happy to be back in Richey and getting involved in the community. "We are happy to announce Jim's promotion," comments Keith Robinson, Glendive Market President.

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SHS Drama Places 1st, Speech 3rd at Huntley Project Meet

By Christy Pierce

The SHS Speech and Drama Team travelled to Huntley Project for their last meet before divisionals in Glendive on January 24th. Competing against 29 schools the Drama Team placed 1st in Class A Sweeps and the Speech team took 3rd in Class A Sweeps.

The Drama Team was led by Tess Ler & Tessa Hill who went up against 34 different competitors and placed 2nd in Humorous Duo. Also competing in Humorous Duo were Sarah Turek and Camden Berka who placed 7th and Ben Broadhead & Luke Turek competed. Serious Duo Laura Elmore and Jaz Hodge placed 4th. Classical Duo Kyle Topp & Scottlyn Anglesey placed 4th and Micheal Stevens & Kaitlyn Tibbits placed 8th. Humorous Solo Hannah Feliciano competed. The Speech Team placing: Humorous Oral Interpretation Christian Anglesey placed 4th. Impromptu: Clay Carpenter placed 3rd & Kasey Gorder placed 4th. Memorized Public address: Shelby Reidle placed 7th and Jorhen Carpenter competed. Expository: Kennedy Anglesey placed 7th. Original Oratory Danny Johnson competed. Divisionals in Glendive this coming Saturday! If you feel like showing some Eagle Spirit come down and support these kids!



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Richland Co. Photovoice Project

Submitted by Nicole Hackley, Prevention Services Director District II Alcohol & Drug Program

The only thing that stays constant is change. The Richland County Steering Committee recognizes that change is happening all around our community, and wants to start a discussion about it through a project called Photovoice.

Photovoice is a project that uses photography as a method to explore different points of view through pictures, which then become the basis for group discussion of community issues and concerns.

The Steering Committee is asking community members of Richland County to use their Photovoice by participating in this project. The question they would like to ask is, "What does change look like to you in Richland County?"

Your role would be to think about what change looks like from your perspective, whether it be positive or negative. You would then take a picture, and come up with a short 2-3 sentence description about why the picture represents change to you.

The Mondak Heritage Center is serving as the drop-off location for the pictures,

which need to be turned in by March 6, 2015. You can also email your photos to health@richland.org. The goal is to get a photo gallery of many different pictures of "change" and present them at the Richland County Community Conference, which is set for March 20, 2015.

This project is open to community members of all ages, or different groups and organizations can also participate. For questions or more information about the Photovoice Project, contact Nicole Hackley at (406) 433-4097.

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NRCS Extends Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Funding

Submitted by Jamie Selting, NRCS District Conservationist

Sidney, Mont. – Irrigators in the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) area in Dawson and Richland Counties have until Friday February 20, 2015, to apply for financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to install sprinkler irrigation systems on irrigated land.

For the past five years, owners and operators of land within the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project have received funding from NRCS through its Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) to increase irrigation efficiency on agricultural land. The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District sets priorities for the funding and sprinkler irrigation systems have been a high priority for the LYIP in the past due to their high water application efficiency.

"The 2014 Farm Bill cut AWEP funding levels last year," according to Jamie Selting, District Conservationist in the Sidney NRCS Field Office. The last scheduled year for the AWEP program was 2014, but since funding levels came in short, the NRCS in Montana has provided funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to fill the gap in 2015. These funds are eligible for projects in Dawson and Richland Counties in Montana only.

Selting is encouraging irrigators interested in the program to sign up by Friday Feb. 20, 2015. Eligible participants compete for funds to assist in the installation of conservation practices that increase irrigation efficiency in the LYIP area. Producers with projects in Montana should contact the Sidney NRCS Field Office at 406-433-2103 or stop in the office at 2745 W Holly St., Sidney, Montana.

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By Meagan Dotson

For Don and Doreen Snideman who were named Top Grower with 50-282 acres, farming is a family tradition that they are proud to continue. The farm located west of Glendive along the Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project has been in Doreen Snideman's family since the late 1920s-early 1930s. Doreen Snideman's grandfather came to the area from Nebraska when the beet factory opened;

the factory went to Nebraska looking for farmers who were willing to relocate and grow sugar beets. Since then, her father and uncles have all farmed the land and she, as a third generation farmer, was pleased that her husband became a part of that tradition.

"I'm very proud of my parents and their work ethic and I'm very proud of Don. He's so humble and that's a nice quality to see," says Doreen Snideman of her husband.

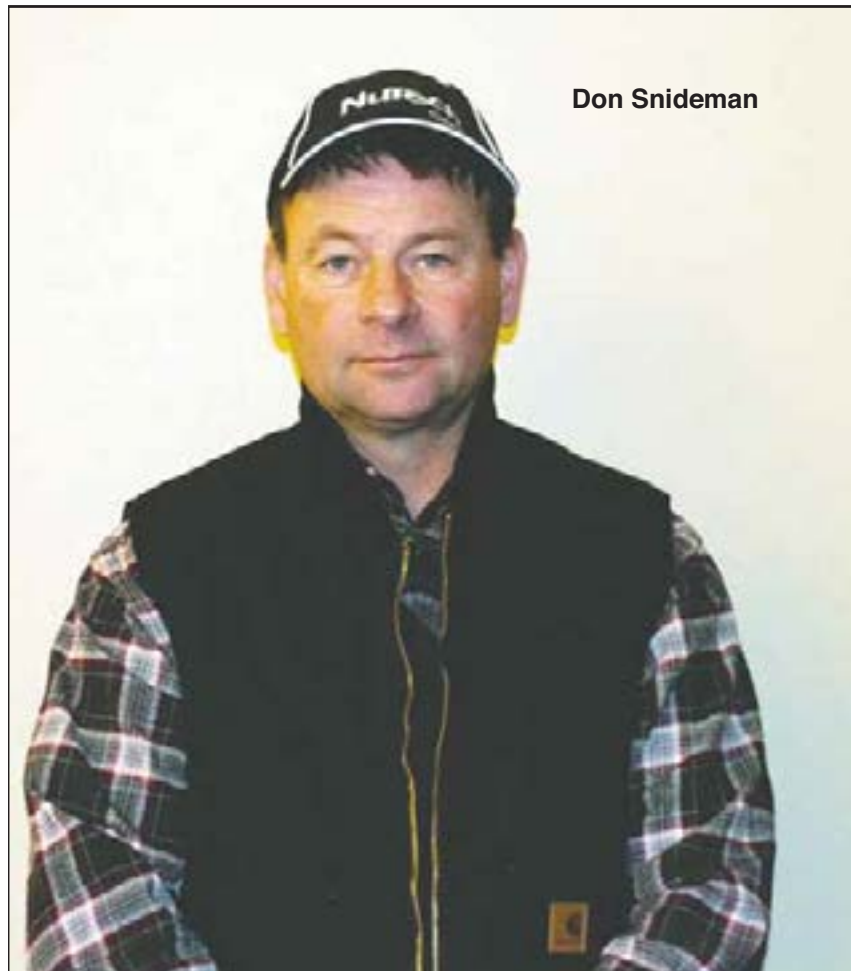
Don Snideman has been farming for twenty years and feels farming is more of a way of life than a job. Their crops include sugar beets, corn, wheat, alfalfa and barley. The Snidemans were named Top Grower with 135 acres, 36.9 tons per acre, 18.03% sugar content, and a rating of 32.79.

"The weather was by far the determining factor with the crop, it played a huge role. We were blessed with a big crop and Mother Nature really helped," said Don Snideman.

He also notes that there are challenges all the way through the season regardless of what kind of crop it is and adds that it is always a team effort and a family operation. In addition to their hired man who is "a tremendous help and one of the nicest people you'll ever meet", the couple's two daughters ages eleven and seven, go irrigating with their parents daily.

Although they have been recognized on the Top Ten Growers list before, this is their first year being named the Top Grower.

"It's a blessing, that's for sure," said Don Snideman at the Top Ten luncheon that was held Wednesday January 14. "I'm very surprised and honored."



Don Snideman

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Sidney Sugars Honors Top Producers of 2014

By Meagan Dotson


The Top Ten Beet Growers Awards were held on Wednesday, January 14 at the Elks in Sidney. Recognized were the top five growers with 50- 282 acres and the top five growers with more than 282 acres. Tons per acre, sugar percentage and rating were all factors in determining who would be recognized. Before the growers were announced, Russ Fullmer of Crystal Sugars reviewed the 2014 season noting that it's one of the best in years in terms of sugar content and tonnage. The record breaking crop can be attributed largely to the ideal weather, with the exception of some heavy rains during the beginning of harvest and high winds which damaged two beet piler booms, one in Pleasantview and one in Culbertson. Farmers were able to plant about ten days earlier than usual, and while moisture was a concern, spring rains quickly put worries to rest. To everyone's pleasant surprise there were no damaging hail storms and September brought warm days and cool nights which was great for sugar content, the average being 18.44%. Roundup Ready Beets were largely credited for the tonnage which was 30.4 tons per acre or approximately 30,000 plants per acre. Even fields that had bouts with disease recovered nicely and had a good yield. Once the early harvest rains dissipated, harvest went smoothly and steadily and ended on October 25. The Top Growers have been recognized annually since 1985, the same year Fullmer started at the factory in Sidney and he notes that this is one in a series of finalities for him as he will be retiring at the end of 2015. The Top Five Growers with 50-282 acres are 1) Don and Doreen Snideman, 2) Rob Schilling, 3) Rodney Hurley & TNT Farms, 4) John Hoffman, and 5) 3 G Johnson Farms. The Top Five Growers with more than 282 acres are 1) DC Farms & T&J Farms, 2) Texas Red Enterprises, 3) Tim Karst, 4) 6J Farms, and 5) Harvey, James, John and Pat Asbeck. Congratulations to all the Top Growers of 2014.

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DC & T&J Farms Named Top Grower with 648 Acres



Todd Steinley (L) and Dean Steinley (R) are recognized as the Top Growers with more than 282 acres at The Top Ten Awards on Wednesday, January 14.

By Meagan Dotson

Brothers Todd and Dean Steinley of DC and T&J Farms were named Top Grower of the over 282 acres category with 648 acres, 36.4 tons per acre, a sugar content of 18.39% and a rating of 32.94. Todd Steinley has been farming since 1990 and Dean Steinley has been farming since 1995. Their grandfather began growing sugar beets in the late the 1920s when the factory opened and since then it has been a family operation for them as their dad continues to farm and all of their kids with them. The Steinleys have land all over the Sidney area including land north of town. They attribute their success to the “luck of the draw” with summer days that didn’t get too hot and no severe storms; the excellent year seemed to work out just as it was supposed to.

“We had rain and sunshine at the right times,” said Dean Steinley of the phenomenal season.

Both Steinleys were surprised at being Top Grower because they have so much acreage and while they were on the Top Ten list in 2007, they have never been named Top Grower before.

“Every year you try your hardest,” commented Todd Steinley. “You get out of it what you put into it.”

In addition to beets, they also grow malt barley, spring wheat and alfalfa. Though some of the challenges this year are commonplace such as fighting spring winds, the biggest issue is finding help. The oilfield has drawn many people away from farm work, however, their hired man, Gene Asbeck has been with them for four going on five years and plays an important role in seeing each season through.

“It’s got to be in your blood,” said Todd Steinley of farming. “You do it because you love to do it.”

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Submitted By Julie Goss, Richland County Conservation District
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The program is in its fifth year with funding for the program provided by the Richland County Commissioners. In prior years, Richland County landowners were able to improve irrigation systems, drill water wells for livestock, install stockwater tanks, fences and pipelines and plant trees with this program. The District is targeting landowners that would like to implement conservation practices but they never rank well with the NRCS EQIP program due to the size of their projects. Small projects are the focus of this program.

Landowners in Richland County seeking to implement conservation practices on their property may be eligible for 50 percent cost share on the practices. The conservation districts share for 2015 is limited to \$5000.00 per applicant. Applicants are limited to \$10000.00 in a five year period. Practices must benefit the natural resources in Richland County, design standards and specifications need to follow NRCS specifications where applicable. Applications are available at the conservation district office and will be accepted from January 1, 2015 until February 28, 2015. The conservation district will rank the applicants

using ranking criteria. New to the program this year will be a short interview of the applicant by the supervisors. This will help the supervisors understand the projects and give applicants a chance to answer question concerning their funding requests. Contracts will be awarded by March 31, 2015 and must be completed by Dec 31st, 2015. Proposed practices must be completed within one year of approval and payment will be made upon completion and inspection of the project. Projects that have been implemented prior to contract agreements are not eligible for cost share. The Richland County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will make all decision on prioritizing and acceptance of applications.

If you have a smaller conservation practice that would enhance the natural resources in Richland County, stop by the conservation district office at 2745 W Holly ST to pick up an application or call 433-2103x101 to have an application sent to you. Applications are due back to the conservation district by February 28 and applicants will be notified by March 31, 2015 if they will be funded.

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“This is an exciting time for the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame,” said MCHF & WHC President Bill Galt of White Sulphur Springs. “In this world focused on celebrity, fame and fortune, we are so glad to be able to honor those who set a positive example in their communities through their everyday deeds and hard work. We hope to see anyone and everyone who cares about Montana’s Western heritage at this fun event in Helena.”

The weekend will kick off Friday evening, Feb. 6 with a free Cowboy Social featuring entertainment by the Dillon Junior Fiddlers. The Inductee Recognition Ceremony Brunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the notable accomplishments and lasting legacies of the inductees to the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Class of 2014. Tickets are \$30 per person. Early registration is recommended as this event sells out well in advance each year!

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Many Crops Project a Loss in 2015

Submitted by NDSU Agriculture Communication
A positive is that projected yields for most crops have increased.
Many projected crop budgets show a negative return to labor and management for 2015, according to Andy Swenson, North Dakota State University Extension Service farm management specialist.
Crop prices have declined but total production costs have resisted this decline. A positive is that projected yields for most crops have increased and some cost items, most notably fuel, will be lower.
About half the regions project a positive return to labor and management for spring wheat, durum and soybeans. The highest returns to labor and management for spring wheat, at approximately \$10 per acre, are in the east-central, northeastern and southeastern regions. Soybeans show a return ranging from \$14 to minus \$14 in all but one region.
Projected returns for corn are negative. It ranges from of minus \$40 to minus \$73 per acre in all regions except the western regions where lower costs, but greater production risks, reduce the losses to around minus \$10 per acre.
Projected per acre returns to labor and management for oil sunflowers range from \$2 to minus \$14 in the western and central regions. For canola, the projected returns range from minus \$10 to minus \$20 in the major growing regions. Depending on the region, projected returns for nonoil sunflowers range from \$58 to minus \$46 per acre.
“Some crops are projecting mostly positive returns for 2015,” Swenson says. “Malting barley and dry edible

beans project returns to labor and management ranging from \$30 to \$50 per acre in most regions. Flax shows similar returns in the north-central, northeastern and western regions.
Lentils are projected to bring the best returns of any crop by ranging from \$90 to \$115 per acre in the north-central and western regions.”
Minor crops, such as mustard, buckwheat, safflower, chickpeas and rye, also show positive returns to labor and management by ranging from \$30 to \$50 per acre. However, there may be more production and market price risk with these crops and crop insurance may not be available.
“Overall costs did not decline as I expected,” Swenson says. “Fertilizer prices are very similar to the amounts I used in last year’s budgets. The price of seed, such as for small-grains, will be lower in 2015. A notable exception is durum, which shows a sharp increase. Corn, soybean and dry bean seed is flat to lower, but the price of canola, lentils and safflower seed will increase.”
Crop insurance costs generally will be lower and land costs will be relatively flat. However, repair expenses will increase. Chemical expenses are projected to increase slightly.
“The budget estimates for returns to labor and management do not take into consideration price and yield variability or risk,” Swenson says. “A perfect apple-to-apples comparison of crops is not achieved in the report because different levels of labor, management and risk exist among crops.”
The budgets are available on the Web at <http://tinyurl.com/NDCropbudgets>.

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A Little Bit Country Crop Budgets For NW North Dakota

By Warren Froelich - NDSU Extension Agent
Williams County

For several years Andrew Swenson and Ron Haugen of the NDSU Extension Ag. Economics Department have been providing yearly crop budgets for individual regions of the state. These have provided an estimate of revenues and costs for selected crops grown in the region. They acknowledge there is considerable variation in soil type, productivity, weather conditions, as well as management and production practices within each region.

These profitability budgets account for full economic opportunity costs for land and machinery investment, regardless of farm operative equity position. The bottom line is the return to labor and managerial efforts required by the crop enterprise.

The budgets typically represent production systems where soil disturbance only occurs at seeding. The market prices are best estimates of NDSU Extension Economists. Market years represent the average for the 7 year period of 2007-2013, after the low and high years are removed. Yields for safflower, yellow mustard, buckwheat, millet, rye and chickpeas are from NDSU Extension Agronomists and industry sources.

Cost of fertilizer applied, based on soil test, to meet a yield goal of 130% of the market yield. The nitrogen (N) fertilizer can be reduced if the previous crop was soybean, dry bean, field peas or lentils.

Fertilizer prices are plugged in as follows: nitrogen - .46/lb; phosphorus - .45/lb and potassium - .38/lb. Machinery investment is calculated at 4.5% real interest rate over the years of machine investment. The average machine investment equals the purchase price plus disposal price divided by two.

Of all the crops included in the northwest region budget only lentils, yellow mustard, safflower, buckwheat, flax, small chickpeas, malting barley and rye come in with a positive return to labor and management. Other crops show losses. These include spring wheat (17.24), durum (7.46), corn grain (3.45), soybeans (8.00), oil sunflower (8.85), canola (19.43), field peas (9.95), oats (44.75) and winter wheat (1.68).

I failed to mention earlier that all budgets are for crops planted on dryland recrop ground. The land charge for all crops was \$36.00. This represents the average cash rental rate for the region.

Counties in the northwest regions are Divide, Burke, Mountrail, McKenzie and Williams.

Copies of these budgets will be available during the Wheat Show on February 3 and 4. A copy can also be obtained at this office or by calling 701-577-4595. We will be happy to send one by pony express.

Hands on Presentations

This year's Wheat Show will close with five short hands-on presentations on a variety of timely topics.

These include: "AFS and Telematics – Future Technology for Farmers" by Corrie Nygaard of Border Plains Equipment; "How to Manage the Effects of Scab and Other Durum Wheat Diseases" by Venkat Chapara of the North Central Research Center; "New Durum Varieties" by Shana Pederson of the North Central Experiment Station; "Crop and Soil Salinity" by Chris Augustin of the North Central Experiment Station; and "Market Strategies for High Vomitoxin Durum Wheat" by Daryn Edwards of the Ray Farmers Union Elevator.

Another speaker of great interest will be Kevin Opp who is CEO of Employment USA. He will talk about the H2A Agriculture Foreign Worker Program.

All-in-all, this year's Wheat Show will feature 23 speakers who will discuss many timely topics. Next week I will share more information about two speakers who will share scientific information on food fads including wheat gluten intolerance.

Winter Seminars Scheduled for Sugar Beet Growers

Submitted by NDSU Agriculture Communication

Seminars for sugar beet growers are scheduled during February in Grafton, Grand Forks, Fargo and Wahpeton.

The seminars are sponsored by the North Dakota State University Extension Service and University of Minnesota Extension.

Topics include:

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Challenges and solutions for sugar beet insect pests

Weed management

Strategies to manage sugar beet diseases

Using the NDSU Extension pest management app

The seminars at each location will begin at 9 a.m.

Dates and locations are:

Feb. 5 – Grafton Parish Center

Feb. 10 – Alerus Center in Grand Forks

Feb. 11 – Holiday Inn in Fargo

Feb. 12 – Eagles Club in Wahpeton

Continuing education credits will be available for those attending. The seminars are free and no registration is required.

For more information, contact NDSU county agents Brad Brummond (Walsh County) at (701) 284-6248 or bradley.brummond@ndsu.edu; Michael Knudson (Grand Forks County) at (701) 780-8229 or michael.d.knudson@ndsu.edu; John Kringler (Cass County) at (701) 241-5711 or john.kringler@ndsu.edu; Brock Shouldis (Richland County) at (701) 642-7793 or brock.shouldis@ndsu.edu.

Also available to answer questions is Mohamed Khan, NDSU Extension sugar beet specialist, at (701) 231-8596 or mohamed.khan@ndsu.edu.

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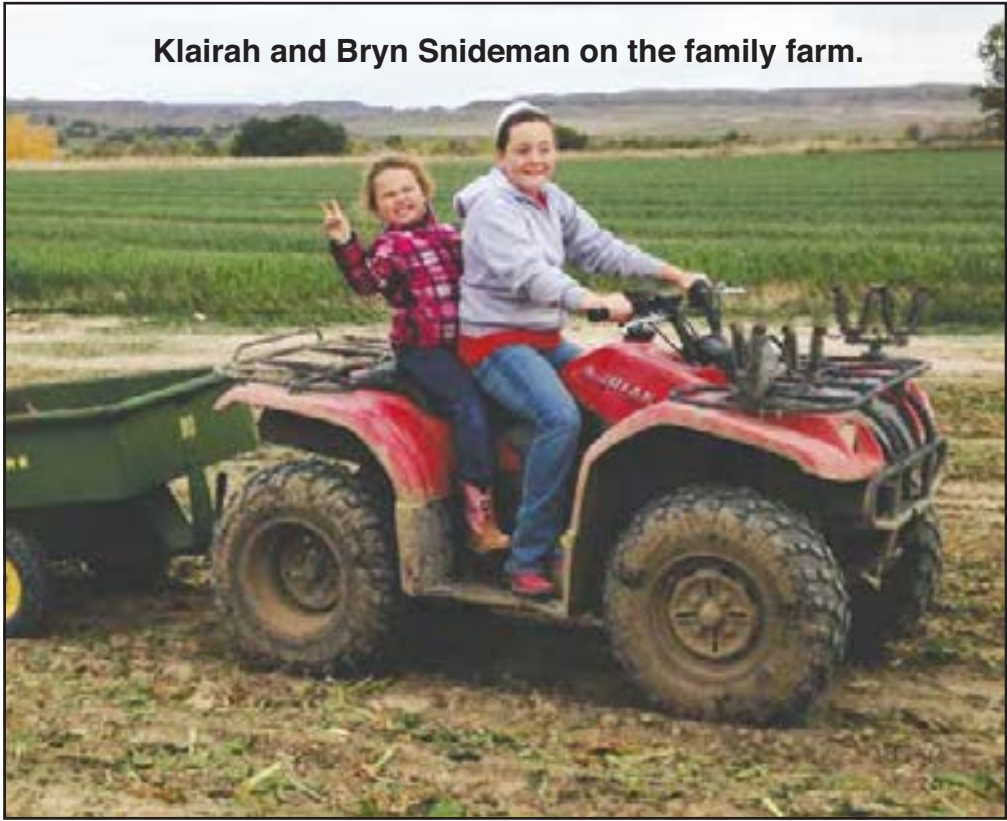


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\$1,000 Educational Heritage Scholarship Offered By Montana Stockgrowers Foundation

Submitted By **Ryan J. Goodman** - Manager of Communications Montana Stockgrowers Association

Montana Stockgrowers Association's Research & Education Endowment Foundation (REEF) is offering an Educational Heritage Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This annual scholarship is awarded to a MSGA student member. Last year's scholarship recipient was Ariel Overstreet Adkins of Big Timber, MT. Upon receiving the 2014 award, Ariel, a student at the University of Montana School of Law said, "this scholarship means a tremendous amount to my family and

I as we work to pay for school. Scholarships allow students like me to graduate with less debt, which is significant because it means that I am going to be able to work on issues for the people I care about." To be eligible for the Educational Heritage Scholarship, students must currently be enrolled in college and have completed at least one semester of coursework, be a member of Montana Stockgrowers Association, and demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Applicants must complete the application form (mtbeef.org/educational-heritage-scholarship), 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 Must Be Completed And Postmarked Or Mailed No Later Than April 1, 2015. For more information on these scholarships and to apply online, visit the MSGA website at mtbeef.org. For questions, please email Jesse Gill at jesse@mtbeef.org. If you are interested in these scholarships but are not currently a member of MSGA, join today. Student memberships start at just \$20.

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Montana Agriculture Coalition Welcomes 2015 Legislators

Submitted By Jayson O'Neill, Montana Department of Agriculture

Helena, Mont., As the 64th Legislative Session entered its third day the one thing no one had to worry about was lunch. Legislators were provided lunch by Montana's major agriculture organizations, including the Montana Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Stockgrowers and Grain Growers.

"This was an opportunity for agriculture to show our elected legislators the unity within our industry and the overall impact agriculture has on the state of Montana. While there certainly was some politicking going on, new and

returning legislators got to meet representatives from the various agriculture organizations and ask them questions about Montana agriculture," said Director Ron de Yong.

The event was emceed by Senate Agriculture Chairman Taylor Brown (Billings) with House Agriculture Chairman Alan Redfield (Livingston). It was the first of its kind opportunity for agriculture organizations to meet with legislators early in the session, and provide them with an opportunity to get know agriculture.

Agriculture organizations in attendance include the Montana Department of Agriculture, Grain Growers, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Farmers Union, Stockgrowers, USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, Woolgrowers, Montana Agricultural Business Association, Montana State University Extension and College of Agriculture, and Montana Association of Conservation Districts.

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