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Dummy Team Roping to be Held February 2

The 2013 Dummy Team Roping will be held at the VFW in Sidney, February 2nd. Entries will be taken from 4-5 pm with the roping beginning at 5:30 pm. Kids 10 and under will rope first, with adults following. It is a progressive roping format. People can pick one and draw one for \$20, with a three head progressive after the first round. All interested people can come to compete or just to watch, as it promises to be an entertaining evening.

There will be cash prizes for the top placing participants.

All proceeds benefit the Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Rodeo & Ranch Horse Competition, which is held annually here in Sidney. The proceeds from the Rodeo and Competition then go on to the Empty Saddle Memorial Foundation, which gives out scholarships and medical aid to area families. For more information on the Memorial Foundation please go to www.emptysaddlememorial.com.

Watford City Chamber Hires New Executive Director

The Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce has evaluated their programs and events to make positive changes for our growing community. To accomplish these changes the Chamber board has hired Laura Sanford as the new executive director for the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce. Sanford, a Mandan, ND graduate, is married to Watford City native Steve Sanford. They moved to Watford City in May of 1998. They have three children; Alexis is sophomore in college, Brooke is a junior in high school and Levi is a fourth grader.



Laura Sanford

Sanford will head up the Chamber's efforts to get memberships and encourages the businesses and their employees to get involved and participate in the activities of the Chamber. As with anything in life, the more you put into the chamber, the more you will get out of it. There are so many opportunities available to get involved in the chamber. We have many sub-committees such as Government Affairs, Promotion & Retail, Beautification and Education Committee to name a few. The two biggest events the Chamber puts on and Ribfest & Homefest. We are continually looking for new volunteers to keep these functions running.

Sanford is excited about her new roll. "I can't wait to get out and meet businesses and their employees," stated Sanford. "Our goal is to have a store front, so people can easily visit us," Sanford continued. She will also continue to work with long time chamber executive secretary Mary Gumke as well as the board members and member businesses.

Sanford has already begun to integrate new businesses and individuals into the Watford City community since she started on Jan. 4. The Chamber is a great way to network with other businesses in our community. On Feb. 5th the chamber will be having their first Network Luncheon starting at 11:30 at the Fox Hills Golf course. The networking luncheon will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am.

Currently the Chamber office is located at 100 North Main Street, Suite 2 which is located in the basement of First International Bank & Trust. For more information call the Chamber office at 701-580-1493 or email Sanford at laurawcchamber@restel.com.



Last year's winner's, (L to R)
Mazie Madison and Cooper
McNally, with their prize money.

The Northeastern Arts Network Presents The Bottom Line Duo on January 31

Submitted by Jill Hill

The Northeastern Arts Network proudly presents The Bottom Line Duo on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 pm as part of their Big Sky Concert Series.

The Bottom Line Duo is a unique husband and wife team that will forever change how you think about the cello and double bass. Classically trained virtuoso technique is paired with a stage presence of joy and humor that takes you on a journey that transcends the music. The duo is one of three internationally touring bass and cello duos in history and has reached over 300,000 students in the U.S., Europe and Canada via their assembly programs which thrills audiences with their fast fingers, wits and bows.

Spencer and Traci Hoveskeland created Bottom Line Duo with a mission to present chamber music in a manner that is accessible to all audiences with humor and a wide repertoire of classical, modern and popular sounds. Works by the masters in classical music are mixed with works unique to the duo and often may include pieces as varied as a popular Ventures tune, an Ozzy Osbourne Disco tribute, or a stunning brass concerto followed by a famous opera aria. The



Traci and Spencer Hoveske.

duo performs music in the strictest sense however; they also enjoy a good laugh!

Concert tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155 or Jill Hill 406-489-4304.

Sidney Chamber Award Winners



The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held its annual banquet Monday night. Pictured are award winners (back row L-R) Karen Olson Beenken of Blue Rock Products, Partners in Progress Award; Craig Price, Sunrise Spirit Award; Abbie & Keri Bolinder of Big Sky Embroidery Post, Entrepreneur's Award; Keith Dynneson, Agriculture Award; Lynette Farr, Educator of the Year. Front row (L-R) Tammie Wieorek, Kathy Petty and Linda Youngquist of Reynolds Market; Horizon Award.

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Uhlich Named RTC Exceptional Employee

Submitted by Janell Lynne

Dave Uhlich is the recipient of Reservation Telephone Cooperative's (RTC) Exceptional Employee Award for the fourth quarter of 2012.

RTC Operations manager Brooks Goodall says, "Dave is a dedicated employee who is conscientious and knowledgeable about his work."

RTC Outside Plant Manager Cory Johnson added, "Dave handles a lot of things on any given day and does it well. He contributes a lot to the community in addition to all his work at RTC."

Dave started working at RTC in November of 2004 as a Combination Tech. In March of 2012 he was promoted to Combination Tech Lead for the Watford City area. Dave's work day includes many different things including organizing Watford City area technicians and contractors, tending to cable cuts, installing and providing

services for customers, along with anything else that comes his way.

Dave is not only committed to his work at RTC, he is also committed to his community. Dave is a paramedic and a volunteer fireman. Dave and his wife Roxie live in Watford City with their son Tyler and daughter Jayden.

The Exceptional Employee Award was developed to recognize RTC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations are made by fellow employees and it is awarded



Dave Uhlich

to a deserving RTC employee quarterly.



Sean Banks with his wife Brooke and son Isaiah.

Fellowship Church Adds New Pastor

Fellowship Church of Sidney has called a new associate pastor. Sean Banks has been added to the church staff to help with pastoral needs. Sean and his wife, Brooke, and son, Isaiah, live in Williston, North Dakota. Banks will be leading Fellowship Church's new location in Williston, ND. (Submitted by Jordan Hall)



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FRIDAY	7:00AM - 4:00PM

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The SATURDAY Walk-In Clinic will continue to be located in Suite 110 and hours will remain the same from 9:00AM - 12:00PM with rotating providers.



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Thousands of Montanans Could Be Eligible for Property Tax Relief

Submitted by Shari Hagengruber

The Montana Department of Revenue estimates that thousands of Montanans could be eligible for property tax relief, but do not submit the annual applications required.

The Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP) provides property tax relief to anyone who meets those qualifications, and there is no age restriction. In order to qualify for this program, taxpayers must own and occupy their home as their primary residence for at least seven months during the preceding calendar year, and meet the income requirements which range from \$0 to \$20,809 for a single

person and \$0 to \$27,745 for households with more than one owner occupant. Currently the department receives about 18,000 PTAP applications annually, but has identified up to 47,000 additional property owners who may be eligible for this property tax relief program.

Depending upon their qualifying income, taxpayers may be entitled to a 30 to 80 percent property tax reduction on their primary residence. If approved, the benefit would apply to the first \$100,000 of taxable market value of the residential property, which may include land up to five acres. In some cases, that reduction amounts to hundreds of dollars.

In addition to PTAP, eligible Montanans can apply for the Disabled American Veteran (DAV) and the Elderly Homeowner/Renter Tax Credit (2EC), if applicable. All have an application of April 15, 2013.

DAV provides property tax assistance to qualifying disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, and similar to PTAP, taxpayers must own and occupy their home as their primary residence and meet the income requirements which range from \$0 to \$47,865 for a single person, \$0 to \$55,229 for a married couple, or \$0 to \$41,729 for a surviving spouse.

The 2EC is a refundable income tax credit of up to \$1,000 available to taxpayers based on household income, and is for anyone age 62 or older as of December 31, 2012. To qualify, applicants must reside in Montana for nine months or more of the period, they need to occupy one or more dwellings in Montana as an owner, renter or lessee for six

months or more, and their household income must be less than \$45,000.

"The tax relief programs are great and we encourage Montanans to take advantage of them," said revenue director Mike Kadas. "These important programs offset tax costs so that you can spend your money on other necessities for your family such as food, heating, clothing and medicine."

For applications, taxpayers can contact their local Department of Revenue office. For additional questions, more information about qualifications, or a listing of other important deadlines for property owners, please visit our website at www.revenue.mt.gov or phone our call center at 1-866-859-2254, or 444-6900 if calling from a local Helena number.

Letter to the Editor

It seems everyone wants to bury a pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Has anyone thought of processing oil through a refinery in North Dakota and then deliver the finished product? This seems to me it could really reduce cost of gas and other products throughout the United States from a more centralized area than out of Texas.

Lloyd DeBruycker, Dutton, MT

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STATISTICS			
Lake Water Level Reports			
	Fort Peck	Sakakawea	
Current Elevation.....	2250.0	1828.9
Last Week's Elev.	2234.0	.....	1829.0
One Year Ago	2235.6	.....	1838.8
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	12,400	.....	23,000

Watford City Weather Data			
Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 14.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 15.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 16.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 17.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 18.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 19.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 20.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA

Sidney Weather Data			
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 14.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 15.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 16.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 17.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 18.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 19.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Jan. 20.....	NA	.....NA	.....NA
Average YTD Precipitation.....	NA	.....	.....NA

Bertha “Bette” Sorensen, 81, Billings, MT (formerly of Sidney, MT)

Memorial services for Bertha “Bette” Sorensen, 81, of Billings, MT (formerly of Sidney, MT) were Saturday, January 19, 2013, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Pastor George Karres of Pella Lutheran Church of Sidney officiated. Interment of her cremains was in the Brorson Cemetery in Sidney under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney, MT. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Bette died on Tuesday evening, January 15, 2013, at her home in Billings, MT.

Celebrating Chocolate Feb 2

Tickers on sale NOW! Only \$25 for members and \$30 for the general public. Tables are also available for \$100 and \$200. Become a member and take advantage of the member rate today!

We look forward to Celebrating Chocolate every year. This year, we've reformatted the event. We'll have amazing entertainment, and of course lots of chocolate and a fine selection of wine and beers to compliment the evening. There will also be coffee and plenty of ice cold milk.

Our entertainment will be The Bottom Line Duo – find them online to get a taste of their fun music, which includes something for everyone. This will be a very fun show!

Silent auction and doors open at 7pm. Because of the change in format, fewer tickets will be available this year.

Textile Workshop Feb 9

There is still space in our workshops scheduled for Saturday, February 9th. The same workshop will be offered at 9am and again at 1pm. Marie Shirley Jones, from Red Lodge, will answer questions regarding her work which has been on exhibit at the MonDak this month, and will guide participants through several of her methods for dyeing and transfer work. She incorporates many artistic approaches into her unique and wonderful work. Come see her work for a preview of the workshop. Space is limited. Registration is \$20.

Questions or Comments? Email us at mdhc@richland.org or call 406-433-3500

The MonDak Heritage Center is located at 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT.

Black Belt Test

The following students tested for their Black Belt last Saturday, January 19th, 2013 in Sidney.

Joshiah Kauffman, age 10, 4th grade.

Hailey Christensen, age 11, 5th grade

Katrina Meldahl, age 11, 6th grade

Sarah Turek, age 14, 9th grade

Tyker Baxter, age 16, 10th grade

Sawyer Flynn, age 16, 10th grade

They performed blocks, strikes, and kicks involved in Tae Kwon Do. They also performed 22 patterns, displayed their sparring abilities and finished with board breaking.

The test was a great success. All of the students did great and passed. Approximately 40 parents and friends were on hand to view the testing.

Ten instructors from Sidney, Williston and Billings were on hand to view the test and give suggestions for future development. The available instructors were 6th Dan Masters Mike Bergh from Sidney, Mark Rosalas and Scotty McCallen from Billings. 4th Dan Masters Matt Wright from Williston, Gary Tescher from Sidney and James Young visiting from California. 3rd Dan Black Belts David Albrecht and Dr. Ed Bergin. 2nd Dan Sharron Olson and 1st Dan Amy Bieber both from Sidney.

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Join us for Parenting the Love & Logic Way on Wednesdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. CT at the Courthouse Meeting Room in Watford City. Please register for this series by calling the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 or e-mail Marcia Hellandsaas at marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu. Classes are free of charge.

Nonresident Any-Deer Bow Licenses

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will have 180 any-deer bow licenses available to nonresidents in 2013. Similar to last year and pending the final proclamation, antler less mule deer may not be legal to harvest within a large area of western North Dakota.

The deadline for applying is March 1. A lottery will be held if more applications are received than licenses available. If licenses remain after March 1, they will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants can apply together as a party. A separate check is required for each application.

The nonresident any-deer bow application is available at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. The application must be printed and sent in to the department.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation. The Game and Fish Department issued 1,200 antlered mule deer licenses in the 2012 deer gun lottery.

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Thurs., Jan.24

12 p.m.— The Sidney Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Elks Lodge.

12 p.m.— Savage Senior Center will host a meal.

12:45 - 1:45 p.m. — Sidney Senior Ciizen Center will be having a potluck lunch and cards. For more info. call 406-433-8077.

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

6:30p.m.— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinocle games.

7 p.m. — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a Coffee Hour at the LDS Church, 1215 5th St SW.

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

Fri., Jan. 25

11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.

1p.m. —Fairview Senior Citizens meeting, cards and meal at local cafe. More info , call Elaine Portra, president, 742-5635, Elmina Cook, 742-5286

Sat., Jan. 26

9 a.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

10 a.m. — Gamblers Anonymous at Millers' Corner.

7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Sun., Jan. 27

1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center will be hosting cards, coffee, and potluck at 1pm.

6:45 p.m.— Early Bird Bingo at the Moose Lodge regular bingo at 7 p.m.

7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Mon., Jan. 28

11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.

Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Tues. Jan. 29

7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Wed., Jan. 30

11:30a.m. - 1p.m. —The Sidney Women of the Moose will serve soup until gone.

6 p.m. - 8p.m. — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a free meal and get acquainted at the Assembly of God church, 414 E. Main St.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., Jan. 23

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

6 p.m. — Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting, Outlaws Downstairs Banquet Room.

Thurs., Jan. 25

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

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

Economic Outlook Seminar Headed To Montana Cities

Submitted by Christina Henderson

Imagine a world where you carry your medical history and prescriptions with you on a credit card. Where your doctor calls you to make an appointment to get your high blood pressure checked. Or where you can pull up a website and learn what surgical procedures actually will cost and which hospitals have the lowest error rates.

Larry White, director of the Western Montana Area Health Education Center at The University of Montana, said this is where health care is going, and we're getting there fast. Changes in health care are all around us. Will Montana households, businesses and governments be ready for them?

White will discuss the latest health care developments at the 38th Annual Economic Outlook Seminar, "The Best Medicine: How

Can Montanans Take Charge of Changes in Health Care?"

This half-day seminar and luncheon will highlight economic trends for local, state and national economies. UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research economists Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin will present economic forecasts for each seminar city, and industry experts will provide the outlook for Montana's important sectors: nonresident travel, health care, agriculture, real estate, manufacturing and forest products. New in 2013, the seminar also will feature coverage of Montana's energy industry.

The seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held in nine Montana cities during January, February and March. Registration costs \$80, which includes a booklet, lunch and a one-year subscription to Montana Business Quarterly, BBER's

award-winning business journal. Continuing education credits are available, and groups of five or more qualify for discounted registration.

The series begins in Helena on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel. Following is the schedule for other seminar cities:

- Sidney – Tuesday, March 12, USDA/ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab
- Miles City – Wednesday, March 13, Bureau of Land Management Field Office

The 2013 Montana Economic Outlook Seminars are sponsored by NorthWestern Energy, Benefis Health System, Pacific Steel and Recycling and Montana Health CO-OP.

For more information or to register for a seminar, visit BBER online at <http://www.bber.umt.edu> or call 406-243-5113.

Learning The Game

Right: Kolin Klang skates the puck to the net during a short Termite scrimmage.

Below: Watford City's Jon Dunn takes a shot on goal against the Mayport goalie. The Oilers lost two games over the weekend against Grand Forks 4-2 and Mayport 6-0. Next action for the Oilers will be in the Grand Forks Tournament Jan. 25-27. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)



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Little Bit Country The Top Ten Mistakes

By Warren Froelich, NDSU Extension Agent

“The Top Ten Mistakes That Break Up a Family Business” is one of two topics that Jolene Brown, a family business consultant, will address during the National Hard Spring Wheat Show on Tuesday, February 5.

Jolene is an award winning communicator who has spent many hours sitting around kitchen tables and family business meeting rooms. She has learned what works and what doesn't. During her first presentation she will discuss the following:

1)The top ten assumptions that create major problems for intergenerational and family businesses, 2) explore questions that must be answered before someone is allowed to join or work for a business, 3)identify the hidden areas of business agreements which often start as a conversation, but must end in written documentation, 4) the value and the impact of in-laws, off-site family and employees, 5) the egos, emotions, and decisions involved in estate and management transfer planning, 6) tools to insure productivity, profitability, and document the succession of a business and 7) the need for courtesy and celebration.

During her many years of consulting with family businesses, Jolene has learned that most failed businesses share ten disruptive behav-

iors. She says “these can be avoided”.

Jolene will come to us with very high recommendations. Some members have attended meetings when she has spoken. These members promise that her presentations are eye-opening, delivered with much enthusiasm, and will deliver proven working tools to take home.

Her second presentation “It’s a Jungle Out There! Blazing New Trails For Agriculture” will provide even more laughter and real life stories. Because the pace, the people, the process and the products for agriculture have all changed she believes it is time for agriculture to blaze a new trail. During this fun-filled, eye-opening presentation we can expect to learn today’s top influences on our customers.

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Julie Ziegler Gymnastics Meet Results

On Saturday, January 19, the Sidney Gymnastics Club Level 4 competition team competed at the Julie Ziegler Gymnastics meet in Bismarck, ND. The results are as follows:

Bailee Vitt;
Vault 9.505, Bars 9.2, Beam 9.2, Floor 9.3, All Around 36.75
Taylor Stewart;
Vault 9.000, Bars 8.8, Beam 8.6, Floor 8.6, All Around 35.10
Cheyenne Christian;
Vault 8.900, Bars 8.4, Beam 7.8, Floor 8.3, All Around 33.50

Liliana Johnson;
Vault 9.000, Bars 7.0, Beam 8.5, Floor 9.1, All Around 33.65
Lorraine Coronato;
Vault 8.600, Bars 8.7, Beam 8.7, Floor 8.4, All Around 34.45
Hallie Andrews;
Vault 9.000, Bars 8.2, Beam 8.0, Floor 8.3, All Around 33.50
Shea Roberts;
Vault 8.800, Bars 6.5, Beam 8.6, Floor 8.0, All Around 31.95
Suttyn Barnhart;
Vault 9.000, Bars 8.3, Beam 7.4, Floor 7.5, All Around 32.25
Becca Deming;
Vault 9.250, Bars 8.4, Beam 8.7, Floor 8.7, All Around 35.05
Bailee Vitt;
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Mondays, starting Jan 28 Cookie Decorating - Instructor: Patty Keithley (489-0483)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	106	6 - 8 p.m.	\$30
Mondays, starting Feb. 4 Scrapbooking & Stamping - Instructor: Patricia Williams (488-7567)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
513 3rd Ave. SW		6 - 9 p.m.	\$20
Tuesdays, starting Jan. 29 Pie Crust Pile-Up - Instructor: Nancy Van Hook (482-3366)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
Quilts & More		5 p.m.	\$20
Tuesdays, starting Jan. 29 Zentangle - Instructor: Bill Clark			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	601	7 - 9 p.m.	\$20+Craft Materials
Tuesdays, starting Feb. 5 Beading Class - Instructor: Dianne Etzel (488-6487)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	Commons	6 - 9 p.m.	\$20
Wednesdays, starting Jan. 16 Men's Volleyball - Instructor: Dennis Marker			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	Gym	7 - 9 p.m.	\$20
Wednesdays, starting Jan. 30 Hope Chest Treasures - Instructor: Deb Bradley (482-3366)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
Quilts & More		10 a.m.	\$20
Wednesdays, starting Jan. 30 Square Dancing - Instructor: Gene Sondeno			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	Band Room	7 - 9 p.m.	\$20
Wednesdays, starting Jan. 30 Wood Projects - Instructor: Roger Merritt (433-2330 or 798-3368)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	503	6 - 9 p.m.	\$30
Thursdays, starting Jan. 31 Small Steps to Health & Wealth - Instructor: Ludmilla Keller (433-1206)			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	Commons	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	\$20
Thursdays, starting Jan. 31 Culinary Education - Instructor: Greg Mohr			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	106	6 - 8 p.m.	\$30
Thursdays, starting Jan. 31 Small Engine Repair & Maintenance - Instructor: Gary Schaff			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	507	7 p.m.	\$30
Thursdays, starting Jan. 31 Horticulture & Landscaping - Instructor: Gary Schaff			
Location	Room	Time	Fee
SHS	507	7 p.m.	\$20
Thursdays, starting Jan. 31 Introduction to Welding & Metal Projects - Instructor: Gary Schaff			
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Basketball

Thursday, January 24
Sidney girls at Wolf Point, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Point boys at Sidney, 7 p.m.
Watford City girls at Divide County, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 25
Trinity Christian girls at Savage, 6 p.m.
Brockton girls at Culbertson, 6 p.m.
Brockton boys at Culbertson, 7:30 p.m.
Froid/Lake girls at Med Lake, 6 p.m.
Froid/Lake boys at Med Lake, 7:30 p.m.
R&L girls at Richey, 6 p.m.
R&L boys at Richey, 7:30 p.m.
Fairview girls at Med Lake, 6 p.m.
Fairview boys at Med Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Bowman boys at Watford City, 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 26
Hardin girls at Sidney, 3 p.m.
Hardin boys at Sidney, 3 p.m.
Savage girls at Circle, 6 p.m.
Savage boys at Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Froid/Lake girls at Brockton, 6 p.m.
Froid/Lake boys at Brockton, 7:30 p.m.
R&L girls at Richey, 1 p.m.
R&L boys at Richey, 2:30 p.m.
Bainville girls at Culbertson, 6 p.m.
Bainville boys at Culbertson, 7:30 p.m.
Westby girls at Fairview, 6 p.m.
Westby boys at Fairview, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 28
Beach girls at Watford City, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29
Williston girls at Sidney, 7:30 p.m.
Bainville girls at Trenton, 6 p.m.
Watford City boys at Stanley, 8:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, January 24
Glendive at Sidney, 7 p.m.
Hettinger at Watford City, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 25
New Salem Tourney at Watford City

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Speech & Drama

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Sidney at Havre (State)

Saturday, January 26
Sidney at Havre (State)

Hockey

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Crosby Girls U19 at Sidney, 7 p.m.
Bismarck Capitals Peewee at Watford City, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 26
Sidney Squirts at Rugby Tourney
Sidney Jr. Gold at Grand Forks Tourney
Sidney Girls U19 at Bottineau, 2:45 p.m.
Sidney Girls 12U at Bottineau, 1 p.m.
Bismarck Rangers Peewee at Sidney, 10:30 a.m.
Mandan Peewee at Sidney, 6 p.m.
Watford City Girls 12U at Minot, 11:45 a.m.
Mandan Peewee at Watford City 12 p.m.
Crosby Comets Girls 12U at Watford City, 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 27
Sidney Squirts at Rugby Tourney
Sidney Girls 12U at Minot, 12:15 p.m.
Bis. Capitals Peewee at Sidney, 10:30 a.m.
Bismark Rangers Peewee at Watford City, 12 p.m.
Watford City Peewee at Bismarck, 11:30 a.m.

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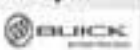
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An “*” after the student's name indicates the student will graduate with honors by achieving a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher. A “***” after the student's name indicates the student will graduate with high honors by achieving a 3.7 GPA or higher.

Sidney - Warren Clark, BA Native American Studies; Tessa Rau, BSBAD Management; Claire Schultz, BA Social Work

UM Deans List

The UM students listed below made the autumn semester 2012 Dean's List. A “***” indicates a grade-point average of 4.0. An “*” indicates a GPA of greater than 3.5 but less than 4.0 was earned.

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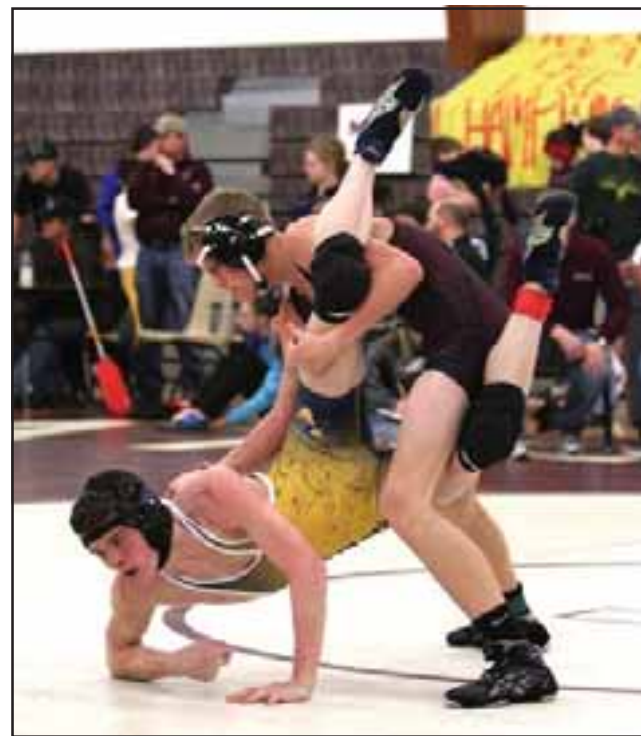
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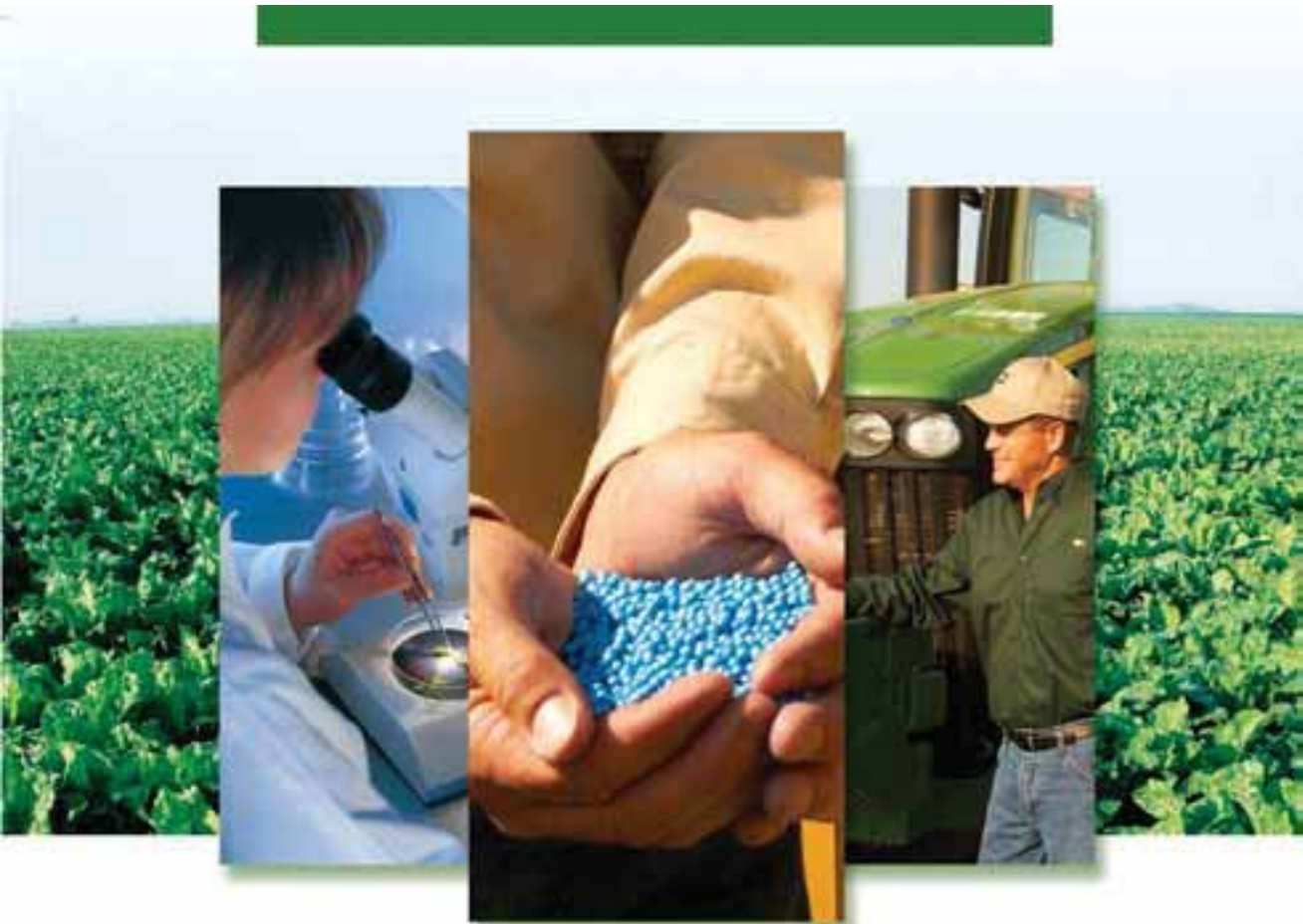
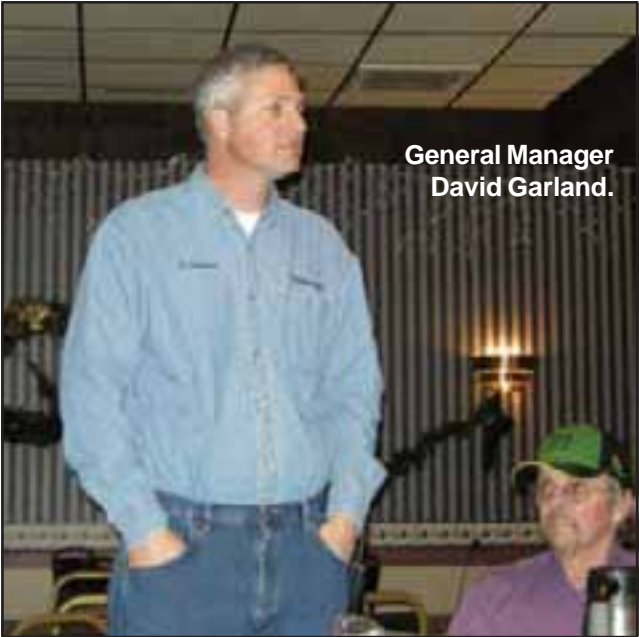
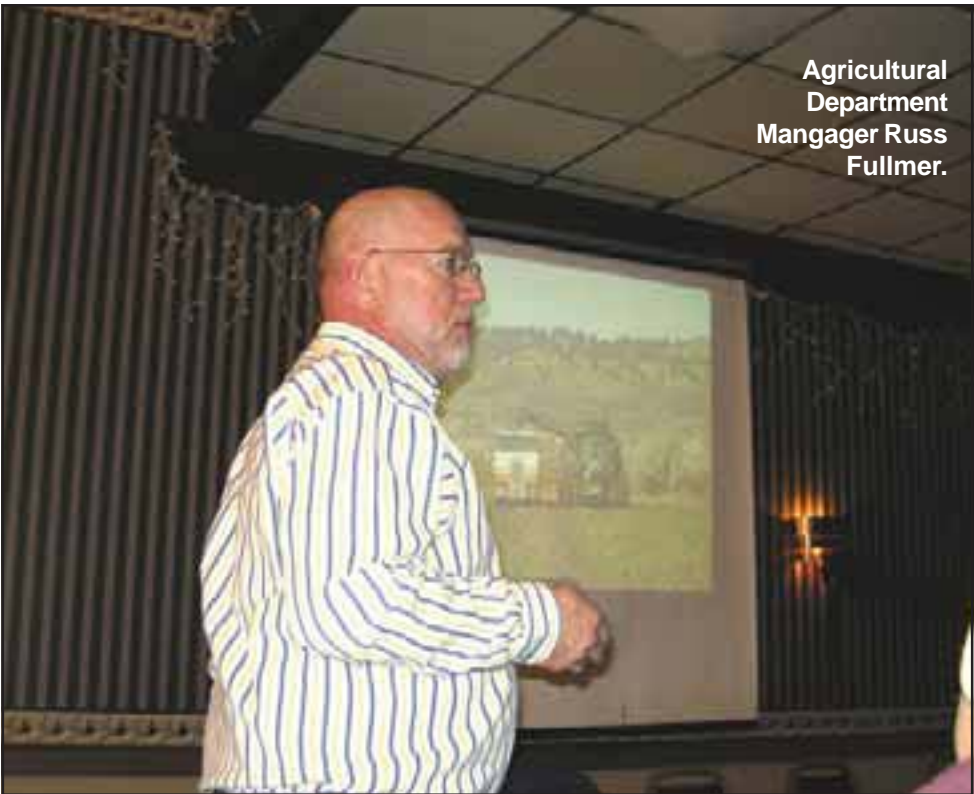
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Sidney Sugars Incorporated held its Top Ten Growers award luncheon last Wednesday, Jan. 16. The luncheon is held annually in order to congratulate the growers that brought in the best crop. Despite it being a rather dry growing season, this year's harvest was a success.

Although planting doesn't usually happen until about the third week of April, a lot of the growers chose to plant earlier. Due to the dry conditions, those seeds did not germinate and start growing until they received moisture. It was a difficult time with no rain, causing it to be very dry. Most farmers had to irrigate their fields, which made yields surprisingly good. Not all fields made out well though, as some fields did not get good stands because of the weather. Russ Fullmer, agriculture manager at Sidney Sugars, stated, "The season went better than expected."

Fullmer stated that the harvest went well also, despite some frost and rain. With 33,337 acres contracted this year, growers harvested 32,918 acres of it with a decent amount of beets brought in. "I was surprised at what the tonnages were," stated Fullmer. This year's tonnage averaged at 27.8 tons per acre and average sugar was 17.99%.

With the winter, brings production. Sidney Sugars is currently working on getting all beets hauled in to the factory for processing. The 3 pile sites furthest out, Pleasantview, Culbertson, and Powder River have completed transport. This leaves the ventilated piles in Savage and Sugar Valley (Fairview) left to be brought in to the factory for processing. Fullmer stated that the piles stored well, as the temperatures were pretty good this year. If the temperature stays in a steady range, there is no worry about them thawing and re-freezing. Fullmer figures they will have everything hauled to the factory within a month.

When figuring out who brought in the best crop, Fullmer says, "It's very interesting to look at." With about 128 growers contracting with Sidney Sugars, there are a lot of possibilities. The top growers this year include a few of the regulars that have won before with quite a few new ones, which Fullmer stated, "Is nice to see."

As for next year, Fullmer is anticipating about the same turnout next year, depending on the weather of course. Although the oil has impacted the acreage, it's looking about the same.



Sidney Sugars Top 10 Growers of 2012

Back Row, L to R, Top 10 Growers over 247 acres: Terry Cayko and Toby Miller, 6J Farms, Inc; David Hoffman; Ryan and Jesse Haidle, Haidle Farms, Inc.; Kyle, Ivan and Todd Cayko; Justin Karst. Front row, L to R, Top 10 Growers 50 to 247 acres: James and Tim Karst; Cody, Brock and Troy Tibbett, Tibbetts Wheatland LLC; Darren Dukart and Russell Dige. Not pictured, Sean Welty.

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Karst Farms Counts on Mother Nature

By Tie Shank

Karst Farms, one of Sidney Sugars Top 10 growers in 2012, does not believe in waiting for it to rain. “The year started out dry. We had to irrigate our crop to get them to start,” stated James Karst, of Fairview, MT. Karst currently farms around 2000 acres with his sons, Tim and Ted, to whom he gives much of the credit for their success. “They know how to do everything. If I’m not around, I can count on them and know it’ll get done.”

Karst also contributes a big part of their success to timeliness, “As soon as we know it won’t frost, we’re planting. We take more of a risk than most, but at least 90% of the time it works for us. We count on the help of Mother Nature – She has to cooperate. If never froze in the fall, so that was good.”

Karst gives a lot of credit to Roundup Beets, “They’re weed free and easier to grow. They keep making seed

better and that increases the tonnage.” When asked how his harvest was Karst replied, “We had quite a bit of shut down due to heat and wet spells. It’s a big worry for the farmers because it takes away harvesting days. We worry about freezing in the fall. They won’t pile the beets if they reach 55°F or go below 28°F, but it seems to be working good to do that. We have a lot less spoilage in the piles. They store better.”

Karst admits that his favorite part of farming is when harvest is over. He’s been farming since 1965 and prior to that he farmed with his dad. “I’m hoping to be able to hand it over to my boys before too long.”



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Terry Cayko and Toby Miller.

By Tie Shank
Terry Cayko and his right hand man of 4 years, Toby Miller, came in first place for the second year in a row in the Sidney Sugars Top Ten Growers of the year for 2012.
Terry and his wife, Vicky, are the 3rd generation owners of 6J Farms in Fairview, MT. They are currently farming approximately 1100 acres and about 363 of those acres are sugar beets.
Cayko knew going in to the year that the soil conditions were very dry, "We didn't have much for sub-moisture," commented Cayko. "As soon as the wa-

ter was in and the seeds were up, we immediately started irrigating the beets."
Cayko states that the key to his success this year was, "Timeliness, irrigating quickly and spraying Roundup. As soon as we saw weeds we were aggressive controlling them. It's also important to know your fields and to know the right variety of seed that fits your field. We've been going towards Nematoid varieties. It looks like that could be the wave of the future. They're more expensive in the beginning but they more than pay off in tonnage."
When asked how the weather affected his crop this year compared to last year, Cayko replied, "We had a real good base. The timely rains up until July were good, and then it was all irrigating. Sugar beets don't like an abundance of water. We're careful with how we irrigate. We don't have rocky, sandy or heavy ground, so we stop irrigating by September 1st."

Harvest went very well for Cayko and Miller, "We started out with really hot weather and then we had about a 7 day period where it was really nice and we were able to get healthy, good, clean beets in to the pile," commented Cayko.
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2009 Top 10 Growers

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2010 Top 10 Growers

Front row (L to R): Gary Lapp (Gary and Duane Lapp), Floyd Gabel, Harold Wallace and Marvin Wallace and Jim Finneman (Finneman Inc.). Back row (L to R): David Hoffman, Dan Rice, George Rice, Dave Rice (Rice and Sons), Scott Flynn (Scott and Dona Flynn), Kirk Johnson, Brandon Johnson, Russell Steinbeisser, Craig Steinbeisser, Joe Steinbeisser Jr. Not pictured Don Steinbeisser Jr. (V's Inc.).



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Top five growers (50-246 acres) are front row (L to R): 1st - Tveit Land and Cattle Co. (Nolan and Larry Tveit Jr.), Sidney and Culbertson; 2nd - Gary and Duane Lapp, Miles City; 3rd - James Bieber, Fairview; 4th - KAR Inc. (Miles Knudsen), Culbertson; 5th - Carol and Allen Lachenmaier, Miles City. Top five growers (greater than 246 acres) are back row (L to R): 1st - 6J Farms (Terry Cayko and Toby Miller), East Fairview; 2nd - Payette Farms Inc. (Kent and Jantz Payette), Fairview; 3rd - Country Lane Farms (Bud and Ron Norby), East Fairview, Justin and Anita Karst (Justin Karst, East Fairview); 5th - Scott and Donna Flynn (Scott Flynn), Cartwright.

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Left: Back row, L to R, Justin Karst; Rocky and Jeremy Norby, Norby Inc.; Jessica and Terry Cayko, 6J Farms; Wade Hagler, Triple H Farms; Doug and Duane Danielson, Danielson Farms. Front row, L to R, Keith Nelson, DN Farms; Del Nollmeyer, Nollmeyer Farms; Dirk Schlothauer, HD Farms; Cory, Troy and Shawn Conradsen, Triple C Farms, Inc.; Mel, Wade and Tyler Tombre, Tombre Inc.

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The sessions will run from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. CST and 5:15 to 8:30 p.m. MST at the following locations across the state:

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Rugby High School ITV Room, 1123 Main Ave. S.

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“Due to the fact that farmers and ranchers have some very unique transition issues, these sessions are geared to their specific needs,” says Willie Huot, Grand Forks County Extension agent and state farm/ranch transition planning program coordinator. “The major increase in asset values, especially land, in the last several years has made this topic even more critical of late.”

The sessions will have a combination of presentations via the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) and from local experts at each location. Attending all three sessions is important.

Topics for the first session are why farmers and ranchers should plan their estate, who should be involved, what materials they'll need and the importance of communication among family members. The IVN presenter will be John Baker of the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State University.

Session 2 will address farm succession planning, and tax and economic consequences of asset transfer strategies. The IVN presenter will be Andy Zenk, an agribusiness consultant with AgCountry/ Farm Credit Services, Grand Forks.

Session 3 will cover farm business arrangements, including the pros and cons of different types of business organizations for farmers and ranchers in North Dakota. The IVN presenter will be Judith Howard, an attorney from Minot.

The early bird registration fee is \$55 for individuals and \$15 each for spouses or business associates (up to two additional) if postmarked by Jan. 31, 2013. After that date, individual registrations will increase to \$75. Registration fees include materials and refreshments.

For registration information, contact the Extension office at the site you wish to attend.

Registration forms, as well as online registration, are available at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject>. Go to Farm/Ranch Transition Planning. Anyone interested in attending the workshop should register as soon as possible because seating is limited at most of the sites.

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The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, which is accessible from the market app on Android cellphones.

Users select the number of acres they intend to plant each year and acreage for each crop, then select the field operations they will use for each crop. The app estimates the fuel cost by year.

The amount of fuel budgeted for each field operation is based on the machinery cost estimates published annually by the University of Minnesota Extension. These fuel consumption estimates are based on the assumption of 0.044 gallon of diesel fuel per power takeoff horsepower-hour, on average, for each implement type.

Users can select the number of acres allocated to each crop to compare total farm fuel use based on the same number of acres.

“This feature is intended to help crop producers quickly see the difference in fuel consumption on their farm by changing the number of acres allocated to each crop,” Nowatzki says. “Because field operations vary significantly for each



Farm Fuel Budget app



Farm Fuel Budget app cost report

type of crop, changing the number of acres of each crop grown impacts the total fuel cost for the farm.”

By choosing the field operations on each crop, users can use the Farm Fuel Budget app to evaluate the effects of various tillage systems on fuel use. Because each field operation requires a different amount of fuel per acre, users quickly can see the impact on fuel costs by eliminating or adding specific field operations for each crop.

The last user input for the app is to enter the projected fuel cost per gallon. Crop producers can use this feature to see the effect of projected fuel prices on their total fuel budget.

Users are encouraged to evaluate the Farm Fuel Budget app on the Google Play website at <https://play.google.com> and search for Farm Fuel Budget.

Farmland Leasing Workshops Set for Several ND Locations

Submitted by Calli Thorne

Landowners, renters and other agribusiness professionals with an interest in farmland ownership, management and leasing should consider attending a farmland leasing workshop sponsored by The North Dakota State University Extension Service. Workshops scheduled for January through March are:

Jan. 23, 9 a.m., City Hall, Forman

Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fire-side Restaurant, Ellendale

Jan. 28, 1 p.m., McKenzie County Courthouse, Watford City

Jan. 29, 9 a.m., Divide County Courthouse, Crosby

Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m., Civic Center, Beulah

Feb. 13, 1 p.m., American Legion, Finley

Feb. 19, 1 p.m., Walsh County Extension office, Park River

March 7, 9 a.m., Winter Show Building, Valley City

Rising land values, strong commodity prices and high production costs have made it more difficult for operators and landowners to

successfully determine appropriate farmland lease arrangements. The workshops are offered to help landowners and renters identify and manage the risk associated with rental agreements.

Dwight Aakre and Andy Swenson, Extension farm management specialists, and Willie Huot, Grand Forks County Extension agent, will be the main presenters.

One of the topics is a historical perspective on farmland values and rents.

Concepts and practical examples of how to determine equitable rents also will

be presented. The main session will help participants better understand different rental arrangements, such as cash rent, share rent and flexible cash rent.

There will be a session on how producers can improve their land rental negotiations by enhancing the communication process with landowners. This includes the use of resumes, portfolios and frequent communications to keep landowners informed and educated about their operation and vision for a particular tract of land.

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Montana Receives Favorable Brucellosis Program Review from USDA

Submitted by Steve Merritt
Montana Department of Livestock

A recently completed report on Montana's brucellosis management plan (BMP) says the state is being proactive and responsive in its efforts to identify occurrences of the disease and prevent its spread in livestock and wildlife within and from the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA).

Conducted by USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service-Veterinary Services, the report was issued after a comprehensive review of brucellosis management plans in the three Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) states (Montana, Idaho and Wyoming). The goal was determining if state BMPs are effective and if states are following plans outlined in agreements with APHIS.

According to state veterinarian Dr. Mary Zaluski, the report contains several commendations for Montana's BMP.

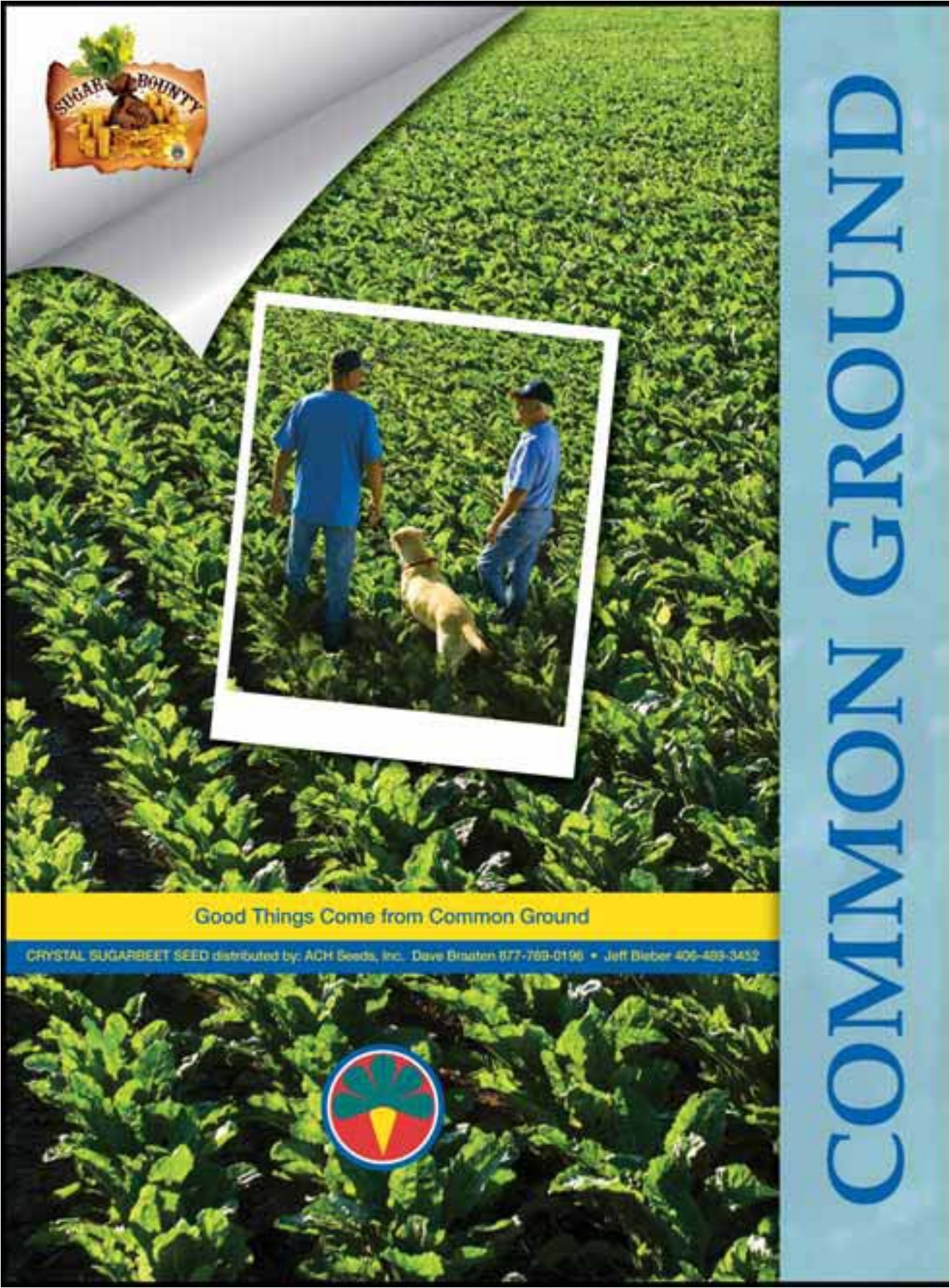
"Overall, our review went very well and we're pleased with the outcome," Zaluski said. "The report will help show other states that we're aggressively managing brucellosis, and that will help protect the marketability of Montana's billion-dollar a year livestock industry."

Key strengths of the program, according to the report, include:

- Staff positions dedicated solely to the brucellosis program;
- Proactive adjustments to the state's DSA boundaries;
- Implementation of electronic brands software that strengthens the current brands system and allows for animal identification and tracking;
- Wildlife surveillance activities include the multi-year elk capture-and-test project;
- Testing and surveillance requirements for domestic cattle and bison within the DSA;
- The use of individual herd plans for herds within the DSA.

Zaluski pointed out that the report also made some recommendations for Montana's program. Those include increasing the number of herds using herd management plans, increasing surveillance on slaughter cattle from the DSA, continuing wildlife surveillance activities, and continuing/expanding producer outreach and education.

"While there is always room for improvement, the USDA basically said we're doing a good job," Zaluski said.



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5th Grade 31st Annual Bread Fair

The 31st Annual 5th Grade Bread Fair will be held Monday, February 4, 2013 in the courtyard of the Airport International Inn in Williston. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. with close to 350 students in attendance and another 130 participating in their classrooms. This event is sponsored by the National Hard Spring Wheat Show for northwestern North Dakota and northeastern Montana fifth graders and their teachers.


The event was started to help area youth understand where their food comes from and the role of agriculture in the Williston Basin, and to experience the lost art of bread making. The North Dakota Wheat Commission provides classroom teachers with the booklet "The Story of Wheat", which the students read prior to the Bread Fair and complete a worksheet.

The fifth grade students will prepare their own loaf of honey whole wheat bread while learning about the nutritional value of bread, as well as the local agricultural ingredients they will use to make their bread. At the end of the day each student will take a loaf home to bake and share with their family. Main ingredients for the bread are sponsored by the following: honey-David Huelsman, yeast-Red Star Yeast, and flour-North Dakota Mill and Elevator.

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