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Cascade Quartet To Perform In The Northeastern Arts Network's Big Sky Concert Series



Hosted At The MonDak Heritage Center

Submitted by Jill Hill

The Northeastern Arts Network presents the Cascade Quartet as part of their Big Sky Concert Series on Thursday, November 2nd. For over three decades, the Cascade Quartet has inspired audiences with their depth of sound and insightful interpretations. With an incredible level of artistry and an irresistible energy, the quartet draws in new and seasoned listeners through creative programming, informative and engaging interactions from the stage, education, and communicating a passion for music in all that they do. The Cascade Quartet is a primary player in the Great Falls Symphony.

This performance will be held at the MonDak Heritage Center at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door: adults \$15, senior \$13, and students \$10. For additional concert information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155, Jill Hill 406-489-4304, or Leann Pelvit at 406-433-3500.

The Big Sky Series is made possible in part by the Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter Development Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF).

Watford City Comedy Café Starring John Crist, Friday Oct. 27

By Stephanie Ler

The second annual Comedy Café, starring comedian John Crist, is scheduled for Friday, October 27, at 7PM Central at the Watford City Performing Arts Center at Watford City High School.



Lexi Wyman, country musician

The evening will kick off at 7PM with a short opener, featuring country music by North Dakota native Lexi Wyman. The featured comedian, John Crist, will follow with stand-up comedy. Crist, a retired Olympic decathlete, is an up-and-coming sensation, having been featured on ESPN and BuzzFeed, and endorsed by Jeff Foxworthy. Crist's YouTube videos, like "Millennial International", and "Road Rage in the Church Parking Lot", have over 200 million views. A Georgia native, Crist is the third of eight homeschooled children of a church pastor, and is quoted as saying, "Coming from a background like that, how do you NOT write jokes?" To view videos of Crist's comedy, visit www.johncristcomedy.com. Lexi Wyman will close out the night with more country music, while locally-made desserts will be served in the lobby. To preview Wyman's work, visit www.lexiwyman.com.

The Comedy Café is now

an annual event presented as a fundraiser for the Bakken Oil Ministry. The Ministry began in 2013 after meetings with community leaders to find a way to meet the needs of new incoming families. Community leaders said there "were a lot of people coming in their cars, coming with nothing, and if there was a place where they could come and get basic clothing and kitchen items that would be helpful," said Jim Konsor, the founding pastor of the ministry. "We serve people who have been struggling and come to Watford hoping to make it. We want to be the helping hand between where they come with nothing and get established and are happy to be in Watford," Konsor said.

The ministry started as a mobile thrift store, operating out of an enclosed trailer, where they gave away everything. For the first few years, the United Methodist Church sustained the ministry, which has now grown to occupy a rented building and a Quonset,

and has expanded services to offer furniture and other goods. "We do what we call minimal pricing," Konsor explained. "It's enough to pay our rent and nothing else." The ministry is now looking at purchasing the store building, and they are working toward becoming self-sustaining. The Comedy Café is the major fundraiser for the year to fund the ministry.

There are 450 seats in the Watford City Performing Arts Center, and Konsor hopes to fill every one. "We're striving to raise between 40-50 thousand dollars. Last year we raised 36 thousand, between tickets and donations and sponsorships," Konsor said. All proceeds go to further the work of the ministry.

Tickets to the show are available online at www.itickets.com. Tickets are \$25 per person, and a dinner and show package is \$90 per couple. The Performing Arts Center is located at Watford City High School, at 2313 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City. For more information, visit the Facebook page at fb.me/comedycafeborm. To donate to the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, contact Jim Konsor at 605-268-0058 or jameskonsor@gmail.com. Ministry store hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 to 5:30. They are located at 600 12th St. NE., just north of the lights by the airport.



Giotto's Neighborhood Pizzeria Opens

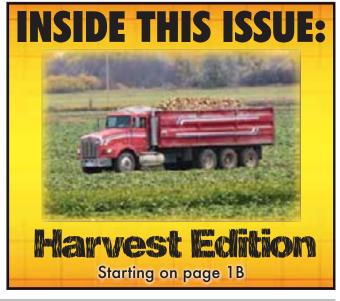
Giotto's Neighborhood Pizzeria is Watford City's newest Italian restaurant. Giotto's is owned by Kristen & Ricky Robinholt and features subs, calzones and pizzas for dine in or carry out. They are located at 700 4th Ave. NE and can be reached at 701-444-4050. Their hours are Tues. to Sat. 11 am to 9 pm and Sunday noon to 6 pm.

Pictured are Giotto's chefs (L-R) Steven McConnell and Austin Detiz.





Congratulations to Kalen Price, age 10, winner of The Roundup's Harvest Days artwork contest. Kalen will receive his artwork framed, plus an art kit. Thank you to all the Boys and Girls Club kids who entered.





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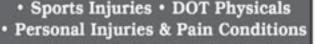


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Current Elevation	1841.4
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date		High	Low	Precip.			
October	16	69	35	0.00			
October	17	78	40	0.00			
October	18	70	36	0.00			
October	19	78	35	0.00			
October	20	79	33	0.00			
October	21	56	32	0.00			
October	22	68	32	0.02			
Total YTI	O Precipita	tion		7.97			

OBITUARIES

Wayne Grimsrud, 85

Culbertson, MT formerly of Bainville, MT

Wayne Grimsrud, 85, of Cullbertson, MT formerly of Bainville, MT passed away Friday, October 20 at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Williston is assisting

Friends may sign the on-line register and give their condolences at www.fulkersons.com.

His funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. (MDT), Wednesday, October 25 at Bainville High School Gymnasium. Lane Vannatta and Bryce Romo will officiate.

Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Culbertson, MT. Friends may call at the gymnasium one hour prior to ser-

Louie A. Kuylen, 90 Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Louie A. Kuylen, 90, of Sidney is at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 25 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney with Father Jim O'Neil as presider.

Wake services are at 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 24 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT.

Interment with Military Honors will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home in Sidney.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Louie died early Thursday morning, October 20 at his home surrounded by his family.

Gene Peterson, 88 Crane, MT

Funeral service for Gene Peterson, 88, of Crane, MT is at 11 a.m., Friday, October 27 at United Church of Christ in Savage, MT with Pastor Neil Lindorff officiating.

Interment will be held at a later date under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Gene died on Wednesday, October 18 at his home.

Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week Is Upon Us! October 23-27 Our **Community Celebrates** Living Drug Free!

Since its inception in 1985, Red Ribbon Week has touched the lives of millions of people around the world but few, now a days, can recall its origin and purpose. According to www. redribbon.org, "Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement dministration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference." On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found. He had been tortured to death.'

"In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon."

"In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families. The National Family Partnership (NFP) and its network of individuals and organizations continue to deliver his message of hope to millions of people every year, through the National Red Ribbon Campaign™." This next week, as you see the bright red ribbons and window paints around Richland County and beyond, remember why and who this week represents."

Continuing this tradition, many of our schools and community entities participate in some form of educational activity and prevention efforts during this time.

Lambert's Principal Kara Triplett has a great take on using Red Ribbon Week within their mentoring efforts. "Our Pride groups are our mentoring program, where we team up a 7-12 class with an elementary class. During Red Ribbon Week "we tie it together by talking about our character trait, RESPONSI-BILITY, and emphasizing to students that there are lots of fun things to do that don't involve the irresponsible choice of doing drugs and alcohol." Every day during Red Ribbon Week Lambert school represents pride!

Fairview, Savage, and Sidney also have a prevention filled week for students. In conjunction with Richland County Sheriff's Department providing presentations, schools are implementing activities and banners to reinforce Red Ribbon Week.

According to Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist, Jacklyn Damm, "The Richland County Health Department (Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program) has distributed small totes that include Red Ribbon Week stickers, to several county schools where cheerleaders or other club members will pass them out to remind their peers that tobacco is also a drug."

The Red Ribbon Week Committee, Partnership For Promise Coalition, and District II Alcohol and Drug Program have been working with these groups to promote activities throughout Richland County. The Red Ribbon Week Committee is currently fundraising for an incinerator to safely dispose of illicit drugs and paraphernalia.

If you would like more information on Red Ribbon Week in Richland County or how you can get involved, please contact District II at 406-433-4097. Donations can be made to the Red Ribbon Week Fund held at The Foundation For Community





RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Thurs., Oct. 26

5-8 p.m. - Haunted House, Pumpkin Patch, Halloween Kids' Activities - \$5/ Kids' Activities or Pumpkin Patch; \$10 Haunted House. This event continues 4-9 p.m., Oct. 27 and Oct. 28; 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29 the Pumpkin Patch only. Former Sunrise Equipment building on Highway 16, Sidney. Fri., Oct. 27

9-10 a.m. - Make It With Sugar Contest - Great prizes! Free bag of sugar with each entry. Reese & Rays IGA Call The Roundup for details, 433-3306.

Sat., Oct. 28

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Trail of Treats - Youngsters go to local businesses in Sidney for treats. Businesses can register by calling Bill, 480-4488. Deadline to register is Oct. 26. 2-5 p.m. - **Zion Lefsa Bake** - Fresh, possible still warm, lefsa for sale! If there is any left at 5, it will be sold after Zion's 9 a.m. church service on Oct. 29. Zion Lutheran Church, 309

S. Central Ave, Fairview, MT.
5:30 p.m. - Powder Puff Football - Seniors vs. juniors, girls, tickets, \$5. Swanson Field, Sidney High School.
6:30 p.m. - Sidney Wrestling Club Casino Night

Fundraiser Halloween Party - Fun, door prizes, photo booth, bingo, raffle, music, costume contest, Texas hold'em poker, over \$4,000 in cash prizes! Tickets: \$40 per couple, includes chicken fried steak dinner. Ranger Lounge, Sidney,

Sun., Oct. 29 5 p.m. - Casual! Contemporary! Conversation! - Join our weekly group for a casual gathering with contemporary music, a discussion of scripture and communion and children's activities offered as needed. Everyone welcome. For more information call the church, 433-3110 or Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent, 406-560-6371. Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Sidney, MT.

Tues., Oct. 31
6 p.m. - SHC Extended Care Trick-or-Treat - For children up to sixth grade. Please use the main entrance at Extended Care, 104 14th Avenue NW, Sidney. Come see the residents and staff dressed up and show off your costume! Thurs., Nov. 2

7 p.m. - Cascade Quartet Concert - Tickets available at the door, \$15/adults/\$13 seniors/\$10 students. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave., SE, Sidney, MT. Sat., Nov. 4

7-10 p.m. - Wine & Food Festival - Wine and food pairings highlighting local restaurants and silent auction, exclusive artwork and experiences. Admission: \$75 per ticket available for purchase at the Foundation for Community Care or by calling 406-488-2273. No tickets sold the night of the event. Stockman Bank Upper Level, 301 W Holly Street, Sidney, MT.

Tues., Nov. 7 6 p.m. - REDC Annual Meeting Banquet - The evening will entail an overview of 2017 activities and a great meal. Sidney Elks Lodge. Mail or fax your RSVP as soon as possible.

Thurs., Nov. 9
Free Dental Cleanings And Exams For Veterans - Call 406-433-7645 to schedule an appointment. Healthy Smiles Dental & Orthodontics, 203 2nd Ave. SW, Sidney, MT. Sat., Nov. 11

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale - Cinnamon rolls. soup, sandwiches, pie, coffee, baked goods and gift baskets. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 211 East Holly,

Sidney, MT.
5-8 p.m. - Richland County Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
Shooting Range Fundraiser - Great family fun. Free taco feed, bowling and shoes. Dutch auction, silent auction, door prizes for kids, ladies and mens gifts, gun raffle, food gift certificate drawings for veterans only. OK Lanes, 173 Miller Street, Sidney, MT.

Sup. Nov. 12 Sun., Nov. 12

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - St. Theresa's Fall Dinner - Turkey and all the trimmings, salads and pies. Free will donation. Lambert School Multi-Purpose Room, Lambert, MT.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Froid unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Sat., Nov. 4 12 p.m. - Northeast Montana Land & Mineral Owners

Association Meeting - Lunch at 12 p.m., meeting starts at 1 p.m. An election will be held for 2 directors' positions, Butch Michels and Dennis Trudell. Community Center, Froid, MT.

McKenzie County Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., Oct. 27
12 p.m. - What A Fright House of Horrors - This event continues through Oct. 31. Fun for the whole family. Children six and under get in free. Tickets can be purchased online,

www.eventbrite.com or in store. J Sports Sporting Goods, 1100 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND. 7 p.m. - Comedy Cafe - Comedian John Crist and Singer Lexi Wyman hit the stage to help raise money for the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry. Watford City High School Performing Arts Center. General admission: \$25; dinner and concert: \$45. Tickets available at: https://www.itickets.com/events/387397.

Tues., Oct. 31 3 p.m. - Trail of Treats - Kids are invited to visit participating main street businesses and off the beaten path businesses in the Veteran's Building for fun Halloween treats in Watford City, ND.

Thurs., Nov. 2

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Explore Art Community Classes (Silk Painting) - Silk painting is the application of paints and dyes directly onto silk fabric using an exciting array of watercolor techniques. Supplies included with your \$59 per class registration fee. Portion of proceeds benefit Long X Arts Foundation. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. To register call 701-572-2835.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone. Tues., Oct. 31

2:30-5:30 p.m. - **Trail of Treats** - A safe place for kids under 12 to Trick-or-Treat in downtown Williston. Local businesses either come outside or welcome families into their business and give out candy to trick-or-treaters. Fri., Nov. 3

6 p.m. - Introduction of Miss America 2018 & Coronation of Miss North Dakota 2017 - Bakken Auditorium - Following this ceremony a public reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Phil Jackson Fieldhouse. Tickets: \$10/adult; \$5/students. To purchase tickets visit missnorthdakota.org, in person at the Williston Visitor's Center, or at the event. Sat., Nov. 4

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Scrapbooking** - Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034. Fri., Nov. 10

5 p.m. - 2017 Charity Ball - Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos

- Dinner and dessert, silent and live auctions, cocktails, dancing. Grand Williston Hotel, 3601 2nd Ave. West, Williston, ND.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Sat., Oct. 28

7-10 p.m. - Haunted Lodge & Kid Friendly Fun - Haunted Lodge cost: adults/\$7, kids/\$5. Old Elk's Lodge, 112 W Bell Street, Glendive, MT (across from Boys & Girls Club). On the fun side at Boys & Girls Club, face painting, games, basketball, treats and more. Cost: Adults/\$5; Kids/\$3. For more information, 406-377-7999. Wed., Nov. 1

5-7 p.m. - Annual Roast Beef Dinner - Glendive United Methodist Church, 206 W. Towne St., Glendive, MT. Tickets available at the church office or at the door. Sat., Nov. 11

7:30 p.m. - 3 Redneck Tenors Concert - DCHS, 900 N. Merrill, Ave., Glendive, MT. For more information contact Bruce Peterson, 406-377-5846 or emca.pres@gmail.com.

Wed., Nov. 15 12-1 p.m. - October Lunch 'n' Learn - Join Dave Steiner for "Enhancing Porches and Entryways for the Holidays." Dave will demonstrate several great holiday ideas for your homes front entrance. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room. For more information visit http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr.

Montana Organic Lentil Pioneer David Oien To Be Honored As Outstanding Agricultural Leader

By Jenny Lavey for the **MSU News Service**

BOZEMAN - A third-generation Montana farmer with a philosophy degree who spent 30 years shepherding Montana agriculture into the forefront of organic and alternative crop production has been named the MSU College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station's 2017 Outstanding Agricultural Leader.

The public is invited to congratulate David Oien. co-founder of Timeless Seeds Inc., at a Montana-made breakfast at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Shroyer Gym, located in MSU's Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center. The breakfast is part of the college's annual Celebrate Agriculture event scheduled for Nov. 3-4.

MSU Vice President of Agriculture Charles Boyer said Oien's history as a respected advocate for diversifying Montana dryland production and as a lifelong proponent of sustainable, organic systems is an example for current agricultural students.

"Long before pulse crops were popular in Montana, before organic and natural foods were trendy, before 'sustainable' and 'renewable' were terms farmers regularly used, David Oien was quietly changing the landscape of Montana agriculture as one of the state's first organic farmers," Boyer said. "His grassroots story and life's work in encouraging alternative, sustainable food production and a new crop frontier is something Montana agriculture owes a great debt to."

The Outstanding Agricultural Leader award is given annually to individuals or couples who are engaged and well respected in the state's agricultural community. Recipients have impacted many with their accomplishments, have a lifetime of achievement in agriculture, are industry leaders or innovative producers, and are actively involved in Montana's agricultural community.

Robert Boettcher, a Montana farmer and former Outstanding Agricultural Leader in 2003 who is a longtime friend of Oien's, nominated Oien for the award. Supporting letters detail Oien's years of public

service and agricultural innovation. Letters were received from Alternative Energy Resources Organization, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana Milling, Stanford University, U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, and several current and retired MSU faculty representing agronomy, soil, land resources and health and human development fields. The letters also describe Oien's early adoption of organic practices and his gentle, steadfast commitment to bring increased research, attention and support to alternative cropping systems and new crops to farmers in the Northern Great Plains, according to authors.

Oien is a third-generation Montana farmer whose Norwegian grandparents homesteaded in the early 1900s south of Conrad. He was raised on the family wheat farm and received a degree in philosophy and religious studies in 1976 and later returned to the family farm to transform production to an organic-based system.

Nomination letters detail the history of Timeless Seeds Inc., which Oien co-founded in 1987, together with friends and fellow farmers Bud Barta, Jim Barngrover and Tom Hastings. The trio had a goal to market a self-reseeding leguminous cover crop variety called George Black Medic, which had been developed by the late MSU agronomy and research professor Jim Simms, whom Oien considered a trusted mentor and dear friend until his passing last year.

In the beginning, Timeless Seeds Inc. consisted of a few outbuildings on Oien's property south of Conrad: a chicken house, equipment shed and a garage, according to Boettcher. The original mission of the company was to introduce new crops to conventional Montana farming and share the benefits of lentils that provided natural nitrogen and green manure, built organic matter and conserved soil moisture.

In the 1980s in Montana agriculture, growing organic, alternative crops was counterculture to that of widely practiced conventional agriculture in wheat-fallow systems that used synthetic fertilizer. Nomination letters lauded Oien's persistence as a risk-taker and suggested Oien's philosophy background formed his ability to engage in contentious discussions thoughtfully and critically, forming relationships with agriculture-minded peo-

ple from all walks of life. As natural foods and cropping systems became more popular, Oien was deeply engaged in conversations, policy and advocacy work advancing the diversification of Montana dryland agriculture by encouraging farmers to replace fallow fields with pulse crops and advocating the ecological and sustainable benefits of organic-based systems.

Oien's role in introducing farmers in the Northern Great Plains to alternative crops and organic systems and developing markets for new crops over the last 25 years was chronicled in the acclaimed book, "Lentil Underground" by Liz Carlisle, a Montana native and Stanford University lecturer who won the 2015 Montana Book Award. Today, Timeless Seeds has transformed into Timeless Foods Inc., which supplies national grocery chains, food manufacturers and food service distributors with high-quality, organic, specialized grains and is one of the largest organic lentil seed buyers and suppliers in America, according to its website. In 2016, the United Nations declared the year as the "International Year of the Pulse Crop," and Montana celebrated its role as the country's top producer of pulse crops with 1 million acres planted, according to the United States Department

of Agriculture. Throughout the years, Oien has been active on many boards and committees promoting organic agriculture and pulse crops, including charter memberships with Pondera Solar Alliance, Alternative Energy Resources Organization Ag Task Force, local organic farmer chapters, Montana Organic Certification Advisory Committee, the Montana Organic Association as well as the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center In 2008, he received a lifetime

Left: David Oien of Timeless Seeds Inc. has been named the 2017 Outstanding Agricultural Leader by the MSU College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. The award highlights his 30 years of organic and alternative agriculture engagement on behalf of Montana. (Photo courtesy David Oien.)

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of service award from the Montana Organic Association, and AREO's 40th Anniversary Leadership in Sustainability.

He has helped and mentored many Montana farmers as they transition crop management into organic systems and systems that use less energy and are ecologically regenerative and economically sound. He also worked closely with MSU faculty on a variety of research projects, mentored students and supported learning practicums for MSU students in the Sustainable Foods and Bioenergy Systems

Oien is married to Sharon and the two have three grown children; Sara, Adam

The selection committee for the Outstanding Agricultural Leader award comprises three Montana agriculture representatives, a College of Agriculture faculty member and an MSU student. MSU's College of Agriculture has presented Outstanding Agricultural Leader awards since 1999.

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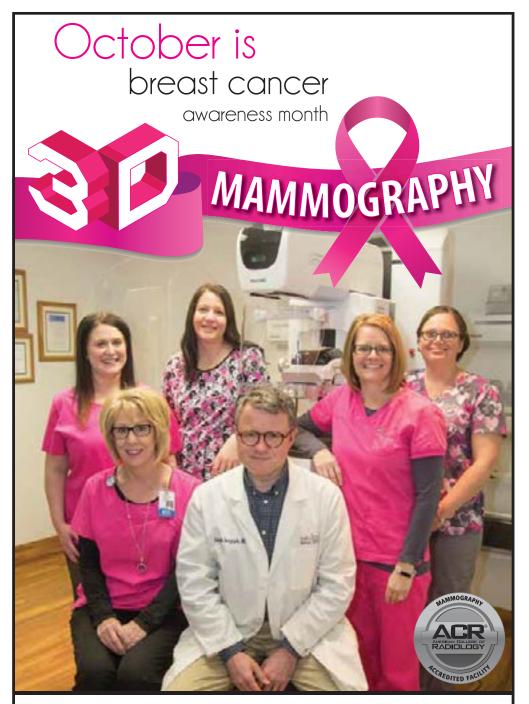


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Miller Speaks At **EDND Fall Conference**

The Economic Development Association of North Dakota held its fall conference October 18-20 in Williston. On Wednesday, Dr. John Miller, president of Williston

Dr. John Miller, president and vice president for academic affairs, Williston State

State College spoke about the college's scholarship program and how it helps drive enrollment. The foundation scholarship was founded in 2015 and included tuition, fees and books for Williams County graduates. In 2017, the college expanded the program to include tuition and fees for graduates in nine additional counties in North Dakota and

Montana. Housing scholarships are also available.

Miller said that the various scholarship opportunities and accompanying housing scholarship for 2017-18 positions Williston State College as a very affordable option for students, and is a primary driver for college growth and expansion.

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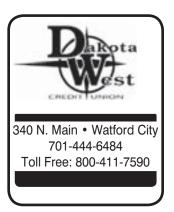
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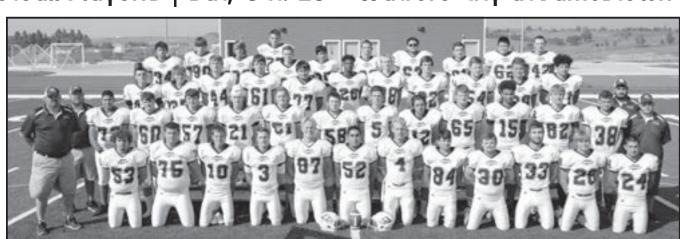
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Watford City Wolves

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Front Row: Blake Bigelow, Jackson Faller, Hunter Neether, Cooper Knutson, Jadyn Ewing, Jarek Hogue, Brett Skarda, Jayden Lobato, Kason Hartel, Connor Dennis, Carter Zenz, Antonio Garcia, 2nd Row: Coach Justin Johnsrud, Nishan Smith, Kaleb Goff, Jacob Goff, Jacob Juarez, Carter Knutson, Ethan Morris, Hunter Schwartzenberger, Dylan Lobato, Evan Heiser, Elijah Brown, Keegan Kaczmar, Jaxson Kettle, Coach Jerome Hoffman. 3rd Row: Coach Logan Suter, Kyle Foster, Payton Steig, Tate LaPierre, Ethan Arnegard, Brett Rowe, Jaris Cooper, Ryan Elphic, Jacob Schwartzenberger, Michael Carter, Mason Kron, Andres Alfaro, Coach Marshall Krebs. 4th Row: Nick Fiedler, Camdon Barnett, Brayden Jasmann, Ryan Domerese, Ian Lewis, Dijwar Ahmed, Sean Brothers, Colton Martinez, Kade Quale, Bradley Hernandez, Trey Polivka. Not Pictured: Tristyn Rutkowski, Tanner Olson, and Giovani, Vasquez



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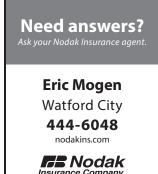
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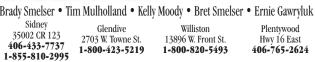
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Change Your Impact Series

Part 3: Facts about Richland County

By Partnership For Promise Coalition

What changes an environment into something better? Information, education, knowledge! The following information is for those who want to know, and those who need to know. It is the coalition's hope that this information will assist your decisions about youth drinking in Richland County and how you, as an adult, can impact them.

Alcohol is a depressant and over time, the more alcohol you consume, the more you may be impacted by depression. According to www. drugfreewolrd.org, "Although classified as a depressant, the amount of alcohol consumed determines the type of effect. Most people drink for the stimulant effect, such as a beer or glass of wine taken to "loosen up." But if a person consumes more than the body can handle, they then experience alcohol's depressant effect." "This means it slows the function of the central nervous system. Alcohol actually blocks some of the messages trying to get to the brain. This alters a person's perceptions, emotions, movement, vision, and hearing," http://m.kidshealth.org.

Great definition, right, but what does that mean for our youth? Well, here are some county based numbers from the Montana Prevention Needs Assessment student survey from 2016, that are interesting.**

Of the students surveyed in Richland County.....

18.8% say that they have contemplated suicide in the

27.1% of youth who reported they drank got it from home WITH parental permis-

26.2% of youth who reported they drank got it from home WITHOUT parental permission.*

These numbers show how much parents play a role in youth drinking. Use your influence by understanding community numbers on youth alcohol use.

You can find the full report at http://dphhs.mt.gov for additional data.

Challenge yourself to Talk It UP & Lock It Up. Talk to youth about what this information means to you and take precautions by counting and locking up your alcohol. It is that simple to make positive impacts on Richland County youth! Send your comments to the Editor to further this

Next time: Change Your Impact Series, Part 4, Talk It

DAVID BOWER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 • 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: SIDNEY, MT -814 2nd Street, NE. (ACROSS THE STREET FROM KB'S BUBBLES LAUNDERMAT)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 11,12, 13 AND 14 in Block 11 of Kenoyer's Addition to Sidney, Montana, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Richland County, Montana HOUSE DESCRIPTION: The business has 1340 sq ft and the house has 1008 sq ft. The house is located above the business. It has 2-bedrooms and 1-bath. He was in the process of remodeling when he passed away. There are repairs that need be made to the living quarters.

OWNERS: Melissa Skerrit who lives in Glendive, MT will offer the following property to the public at auction. The final bid will be subject to her approval. The Owner reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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The MonDak Heritage Center Announces The WAVA Exhibition **Closing Reception!**

The MonDak Heritage Center announces the Williston Area Visual Artists Exhibition Closing Reception on Saturday, November 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT.

Meet some of the artists, see their work, and enjoy drinks and refreshments! This year's Williston Area Visual Artists' show features artwork from club challenges. Each artist received squares of a painting to complete, that when put together became "The Scream" by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch. For another challenge artists submitted pieces of their favorite era. Admission is FREE. For more information call (406) 433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

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Not pictured: Asst. Coach Keith Bieber.













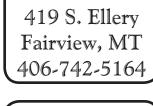
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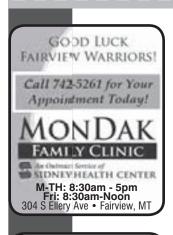
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District 1C Volleyball Tourney

Thurs - Sat, Oct 26-28: Plentywood High School



Thursday, October 26 Schedule

Savage vs Culbertson 3:00 pm..... Fairview vs R&L 4:30 pm.....Froid/Lake vs MonDak

Back Row: Kiylee Kellis, Allie Romo, Elise Romo, Lextyn

Portra, Joely Picard, Rona Butikofer, Kailin Pippenger, Bonny

Krogedal, Paytyn Wilson. Middle Row: Natalie Stokke,

Victoria Barnhart, Kodi Bilguist, Aubrey Picard, Donna Butikofer, Tori Albus, Kinsey Ross. Bottom Row: Katie South, Karissa Goebel, Matti Woodward, Gianna Boyd

Front (L-R) Aleah Johnson, Kennedy Ereth, Diamond Baxter,

Cierra Parsons, Sandi Hicks, Kinsey Rassmussen, Meg Ator Back (L-R) Assistant Coach--Nyby, Jennifer Lancaster, Morgan Mason, Haley Labatte, Sydney Dethman, Mackenzie Dethman,

Sydney Labatte, Kayla Kidder, Head Coach--Kiah Smith.

Back (L-R): Emily Sundheim, Jadyn Gackle, Ally Young, Logan

Schipman, Hanna Skov, Emily Axtman, Alexis Sundheim, Jae

Kloker, Torrie Hurley, Bailee Vitt, Amber Berry, Bailey Seader,

Mackenzie Hall, Becca Deming, Macy Seadeek, & Montana

Zevenbergen. Front (L-R): Asst. Coach Amy Karst, Head

Coach Anil Kara, & Manager Karissa Martinez.

SAVAGE VOLLEYBAI Back (L-R): Bethany Wells, Rianna Clifton, Brynn Salsbury, Soda Rice, Emily Reynolds, Kayla Nelson, and Breanna

Adolph. Middle (L-R): Shayanne Castro, Jordan Romero,

Haylie Conradsen, Ashlind Conradsen, Alexia Papka, and

Taryn Hagler. Front (L-R): Kiana Miller and Tyler Lien

Back row standing: Mariah Cathey, McKinsey Justice, Abby Ator, Kelsie Williams, Fallon Sun Rhodes, Johanna Wilhorn, manager Jacob Martin. Front row: Rachael Gilbert, Cody

Larsen. Aaliyah Moon, Ashtyn Ator, Anissa Bengochea

1st Row: Coach Miranda Johnston, Manager Jacalyn Wright, Asst.

Coach Alysia Mullin. 2nd Row: Daria Nagovitcina, Abbie Smith, Ana

Ghinet, Aybuke Tombul, Sinarin Saenyen, Isabelle Fatzinger, Bermet

Abylova,. 3rd Row: Brylee Brost, Lauren Krenning, Laurel Sponheim. 4th

Row: Haley Olson, Peyton Sodt, Kodi Bireley, Daejha Gibson. 5th Row:

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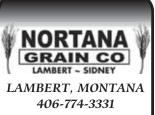




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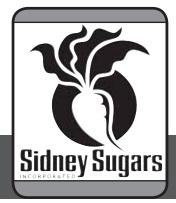


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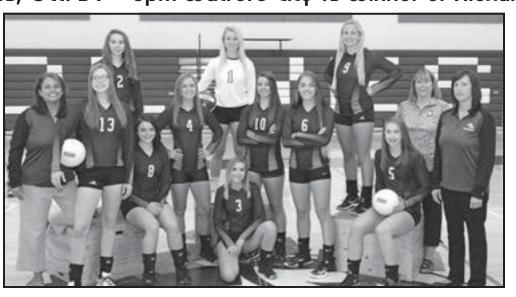
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VOLLEYBALL



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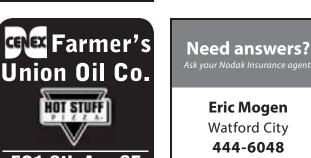
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Tues., Oct. 31: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, pudding

Savage School Thurs., Oct. 26: Chili. Fri., Oct. 27: No school.

Tues., Oct. 31: Italian bake. Rau School

Thurs., Oct. 26: Fish nuggets, fries, corn, mandarin oranges. Fri., Oct. 27: Sub sandwich, veg etable soup, pears, cookie. Mon., Oct. 30: Corn dogs, fries, vegetables, peaches.

Tues., Oct. 31: Halloween sur-

Froid School

Fri., Oct. 27: Chili, cornbread, cheese sticks, fruit, milk. Mon., Oct. 30: Potato bar, taco,

got eggs, smiley pumpkins, bloody eyeballs, rotten garden, sour milk.

Bainville School

dessert, milk

Fri., Oct. 27: Shrimp poppers, 4-way veggies, rice pilaf, fruit. Mon., Oct. 30: Taco in a bag, taco bar, fruit.

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salad, pears, mixed veggies, milk **Culbertson School** Thurs., Oct. 26: Tacos, churros fruit, milk. Mon., Oct. 30: BBQ pork riblets, Fri., Oct. 27: Pizza, salad, fruit oven wedges, mandarin oranges. milk.

stick, peaches, corn, milk, Tues., Oct. 31: Pizza, lettuce

Mon., Oct. 30: Chicken sand-

Tues., Oct. 31: Witches brew

(chili), cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk.

Lambert School

Thurs., Oct. 26: Chicken nug-

Fri., Oct. 27: Pizza, bananas,

Mon., Oct. 30: Scalloped pota-

toes and ham, corn, fruit, buns

Tues., Oct. 31: Hot ham and

cheese, chips, fruit, salad, milk.

Fairview School

Thurs., Oct. 26: Pancakes, sau-

sage patty, hash browns, straw-

Mon., Oct. 30: Chicken strips green beans, peaches, milk.

Tues., Oct. 31: Chili cheese fries

cornbread, apples, dessert, milk

Wed., Nov. 1: Spaghetti, salad

with ranch, pineapple, garlic

Watford City School

Thurs., Oct. 26: Hot ham and

cheese sandwich, wisconsin

cheese soup, crackers, carrots

Fri., Oct. 27: Smoked sausage,

macaroni and cheese, peas, ba-

nana pudding dessert with fresh

Mon., Oct. 30: Hamburger on

a bun with cheese, fries, corn,

Tues., Oct. 31: Taco in a bag with

toppings, fresh fruit, Halloweer

Wed., Nov. 1: Chili with cheese,

Alexander School

Fri., Oct. 27: No school.

wiches, potatoes, fruit, milk.

gets, tater tots, fruit, milk.

cheesecake, milk.

berries, milk.

with dip, fruit.

bananas.

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Wed., Nov. 1: Soft shell taco, applesauce.

Mon., Oct. 30: Chicken patty on a bun.

prise. Thur., Oct. 26: Finger steaks, sweet potato fries, veggies, fruit,

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Tues., Oct. 31: Mummies, mag-

Wed., Nov. 1: Chicken legs, hash brown supreme, veggies, fruit,

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crackers, veggies with dip, cin-Tues., Oct. 31: Ghoul-ash, broomstick bread, orange slugs, Thurs., Oct. 26: Meatloaf, cheesy

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Worker Shortage Threatens U.S. Ag Sustainability

Thanks to scientific innovation in agriculture, farmers and ranchers are using fewer resources to grow an abundant, sustainable food supply. But I wonder how far our new technology and techniques will take us if farmers are left without one of the most critical resources to keep our farms sustainable: a stable workforce.

Agriculture's labor shortage is at a crisis level, with farmers like Burr and Rosella Mosby losing crops and income because there aren't enough workers for harvest. Every year we hear stories of fresh produce rotting in the fields instead of feeding people, because farmers cannot find help or secure guest workers in time. Without relief, many farmers will have to scale back production or get out of farming altogether.

I think of farmers like Tim McMillan, who would like to sustain their farms to pass on to the next generation. Instead, they are left wondering if it makes sense to go on when they don't have enough workers to plant, tend and harvest crops-and the problem gets worse every year.

The farm labor shortage also takes a bite out of our national economy. A study by the group New American Economy estimated that the shortage cost \$3.3 billion in GDP growth in 2012 alone. As I've said many a time,

we're coming to a point where America will have to decide if we're going to import workers or import our food. Increasing food imports means losing thousands of American jobs that are supported by agriculture. That same NAE study shows there would have been more than 89,000 additional jobs in 2012 if farmers had not

faced workforce challenges. Every time this topic comes up, there's an outcry for farmers to pay more. But those complaints tend to come from those who don't know the going rate for skilled farm work. For example, skilled workers harvesting specialty crops like apples and strawberries can earn well over \$20 per hour when paid piece-rate wages. Under the current federal agricultural guest worker program, H-2A, farmers pay the Adverse Effect Wage Rate as a baseline which, depending on the state, can be anywhere from 9 percent to 90 percent higher than the state minimum wage.

That's on top of providing free housing to workers and paying for their travel from their home country. H-2A requires employers to post job openings to make sure Americans get first crack at farm jobs. But as any farmer can tell you, the average American has little interest in farm work. Even with the higher wage rates and strict requirements, H-2A applications are on the rise. Certified positions in 2017 are up 20 percent compared to this time last year, which shows just how hard-pressed farmers are to find workers.

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limit the number of worker vi-

sas. But we support Chairman Goodlatte's effort, because it opens the door for progress such as we haven't seen in more than three decades of hemming and hawing on this

Immigration reform is a tough issue, but we cannot avoid it any longer. Instability in our farm workforce places American jobs and American-grown products at risk. We need members of Congress to work together to ensure Americans have access to a safe, sustainable supply of U.S.-grown food.



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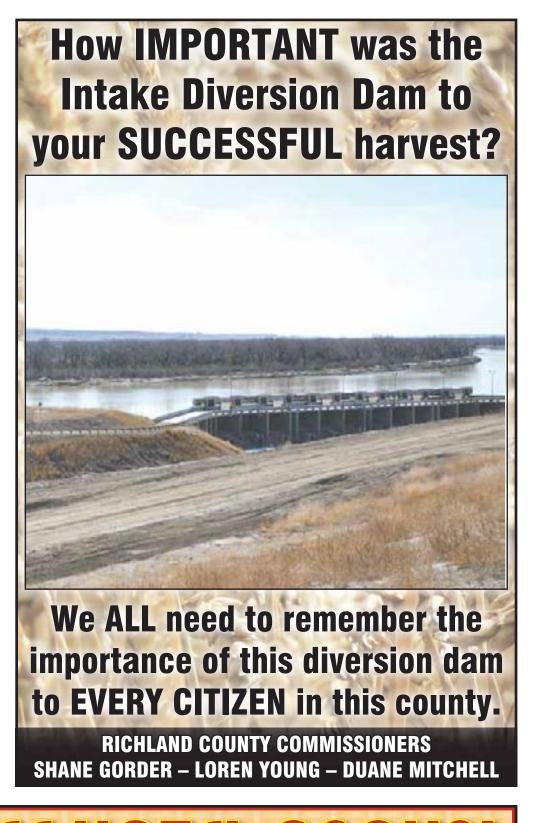
The Roundup will be sponsoring Harvest Days, Oct. 25th - Nov. 4th, as a way to celebrate and honor those in the agricultural industry. Stop by participating businesses to enter for a chance to win \$500 in gift certificates, and while there, take a minute to admire some local talent. Richland County Boys & Girls Club members will have a chance to win some art supplies, as well as having their artwork framed. All entries will be showcased at participating Harvest Day's businesses and in the window displays at the Yellowstone Marketplace. Winning artwork will also be featured in The Roundup.

The Make It with Sugar contest is back and will be held the morning of Friday, Oct. 27th at Reese and Ray's IGA. Entries will be accepted from 9:00 – 10:00; categories are cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads and rolls, and other. Hundreds of dollars in prizes will be awarded including \$100 People's Choice Award, and everyone who enters will receive a free bag of sugar per entry.

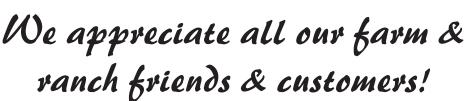
Once again, Sidney Sugars employees will be taste testing and judging. Recipes must be included with each entry and call for at least 1/2 cup of granulated, powdered, or brown sugar. Winning recipes

will be published in The Roundup. All entries must be servable in individual samples. Please use disposable containers, as they will not be returned.

Entry forms will be available at IGA the day of, or can be filled out in advance and brought in from 9:00am – 10:00am on the 27th. Entry forms are available in the Roundup newspaper and can be brought into the office prior to the contest at 111 W Main St, or mailed to Box 1207, Sidney, MT, 59270.







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Beet Harvest: A Family Affair for Neuleibs



The Neuleib family, from left to right, Jeremiah Korner, Pat, Allen, Tish and Dick Neuleib.

Beet harvest always involves a myriad of people doing everything from defoliating, digging and trucking, to working the pilers, quality lab and factory shifts with everyone focused on getting those precious beets out of the ground on time and processed into sweet, sweet sugar.

Workers take time from their regular jobs, come from miles and miles away, or maybe work at Sidney Sugars year

The Neuleib family encompasses all of those aspects with Leticia "Tish" at the factory full time, her brother Rick and nephew Allen working harvest and her parents Pat and Dick operating a food truck at the pile grounds in Sidney for the first time.

Tish took a quick break from operating the loader tractor during early harvest to talk about her job as yard foreman, a position she has held for almost ten years. Before that, she worked the piler during campaign for several years.

Tish is in charge of all the pilers and crew and helps the truckers sometimes. She can be seen everywhere on the pile grounds during harvest, whether on foot, or in any piece of equipment that fits the task at hand, making sure that equipment is running smooth-

Dick and Pat

Patty's Wagon.

Neuleib in

ly, that trucks are where they should be and that personnel have what they need and are doing what they should be doing. "I do just about everything," she explained.

After harvest, Tish will

be busy loading beet pulp into trucks during campaign. Earlier this summer, she was hauling mud from the ponds. Her job is varied and, at times, hectic. She said the worst part of her job is the breakdowns. They stack things up and by the time she's done fixing, she's full of dust and grease. The best part of her job is deal-

The yard crew includes work campers who come every year to work the harvest. "I get to meet people from everywhere," Tish said. The factory yard is fully staffed with at least one couple on each piler who is a returnee and one that is completely staffed by experienced work campers.

ing with the people, including

her crew and the truck drivers.

Tish's brother Rick and his son Allen work harvest for Torben and Natalie Erikstrup. While Rick was busy defoliating the day of the interview, Allen was driving beet truck. Allen is a mechanic for the Richland County road department and takes vacation time each year to haul beets. "It's quick, easy money," he said

He's known Erikstrups for about 12 years and has enjoyed working for them for the past six.

New to harvest this year are Tish and Rick's parents, Pat and Dick Neuleib. Out of Patty's Wagon, a fully inspected food truck inside the gate at the pile grounds, they served soups, sandwiches and a wide variety of homemade goodies to hungry workers from 7am to 7 pm.

It took some persuasion from Tish to get Pat and Dick, who live in Nashua, to come and do the food truck. "Tish has been after us for three or four years," Dick said. "We have the time now so we fixed up the trailer, had it inspected, and moved it in. If we live through this year, we might do it again next year," he said with a chuckle.

Pat was a cook at the Nashua school for 19 years, then cooked for the senior citizens for eight. The couple met while Dick was stationed at the Glasgow Air Force Base and have been married since 1961. Dick worked various jobs, from heavy construction to racing horses after the air force, and retired from the

They are here for harvest and then will head back to Nashua, and back to quilting for Pat. She loves to quilt and has her creations all over the U.S. Firemen, first responders, family and friends all treasure one of Pat's homemade quilts.

Vanessa Pooch, Sidney Sugars agriculturalist in charge of the factory district said, "I've enjoyed working with Tish over the years and truly appreciate her hard work and dedication to the job. I'm glad her family gets to be a part of the harvest too. That will always be the backbone of agriculture, family working together."





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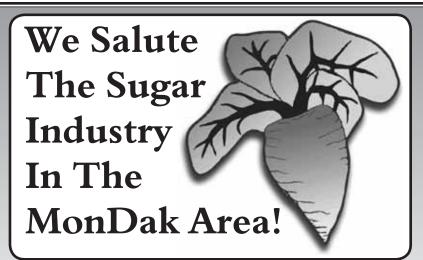
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Make it With Sugar Contest Returns October 27th at IGA



Peoples Choice and first place Cake winner Karli Johnson with her prizes from Reynolds Market, Johnson Hardware & Furniture and Saddle Up.

By Stephanie Ler

Friday, October 27th, Sidney Sugars employees will once again convene to tastetest sweet submissions to the annual Make it With Sugar Contest

In conjunction with the Harvest Days week-long celebration, the Roundup Newspaper will be hosting the contest. Community members are asked to submit entries in the categories of cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads and rolls, and others. Each recipe must include at least one half cup of granulated, powdered or brown sugar to qualify. The entries must be servable in individual samples, and must be in disposable containers, as containers will not be returned.

In addition to winning a bag of sugar per entry, all entries will be eligible to win hundreds of dollars in prizes, including a \$100 People's Choice Award.

The 2016 People's Choice Winner Karli Johnson has found the Make it With Sugar Contest to be an outlet for her competitive nature, stating, "It's been fun. I just like to bake, and I'm competitive and not an athlete, so I have to do things like this!" Last year, Karli won a \$25 Saddle-Up gift card plus a \$100 gift card to Reynold's Market, which she used to buy Christmas dinner for her family. She also won "a really nice bowl and pan from Johnson's Hardware that I use all the time," she said.

Karli said last year's submission was a raspberry almond swirl cake. "It wasn't any secret family recipe. I found it on Pinterest". The recipe won both People's Choice and the cakes category. Karli has also won prizes for submissions the previous two years. The contest has become quite lucrative for the hobby baker, and she is considering entering again this year.

Pinterest serves as a great database for finding an award-winning recipe, or peruse Grandma's family recipe book for ideas. Entry forms are available in the Roundup and can be mailed to Box 1207, Sidney; can be picked up at the office at 111 West Main Street in Sidney; or can be picked up at Reese n' Rays IGA the day of the contest. Contest submission will be accepted from 9AM to 10AM on Friday, October 27th. A copy of the recipe must be included. Winning submissions will receive prizes and have their recipe printed in the Roundup.

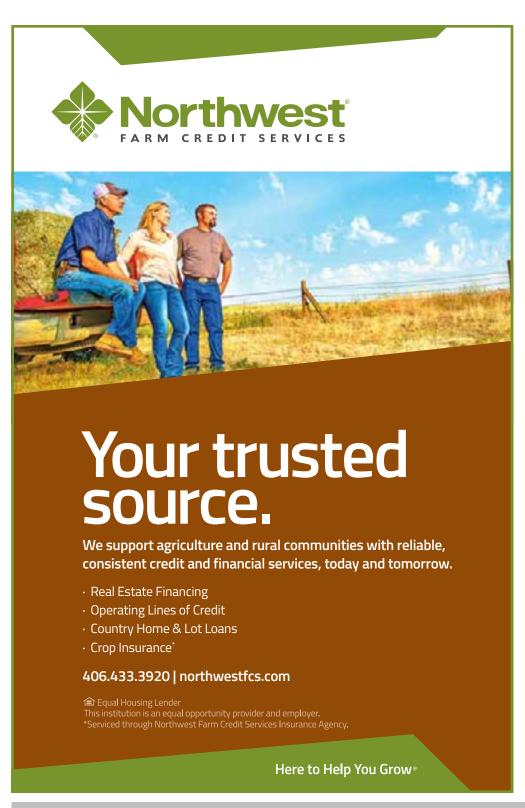
For questions about the contest or other Harvest Days events, contact the Roundup at 433--3306.



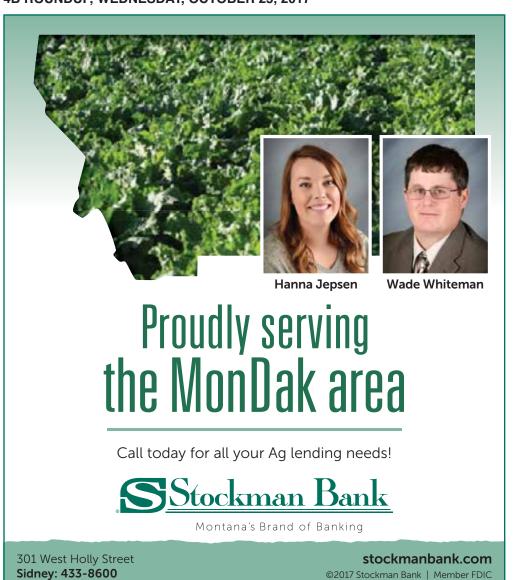
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North Dakota Family Continues Sharecropping

By Stephanie Ler

The Damm family has been farming sugar beets just over the border into North Dakota for more than half a century, but unlike most other farmers, the Damms do not own nor rent the land they farm.

The Damm family is, and has been for many years, sharecroppers. In a sharecropping agreement, the "landowner and the farmer share the profit from the farm", Jacklyn explained. Her husband, Jack, the youngest of ten children of Bill and Selma Damm, took over sharecropping in 1979, and has maintained the sharecropping agreement with the landowner, John Beagle of Beagle Land and Livestock.

John Beagle, Jack and Jacklyn say, maintained an excellent working relationship with the family, having been willing even to share in the risks and profits from exper-

imental crops. In 1996, Jack proposed to rent a few acres from the Beagles to plant Kabocha squash, having acquired a contract for the squash with a Japanese market. Beagles declined, and instead shared in the risk. "It was a good rotation," Jacklyn said. "It put a lot of nitrogen back into the land." The crop proved profitable, but was too labor intensive to sustain, and the Damms turned back to beets.

Years later, the share-cropping agreement shifted hands to Sandi Angel, who proved to be an equally excellent business partner for the Damms. About seven years ago, they shared in the cost to install pivot irrigation to the property, and in 2015, Angel gifted Jack and Jacklyn the home that sits on the property.

The Damms currently farm about 165 acres, rotating the acreage between sugar beets and wheat. Their son Jake helps run equipment and haul beets, and their daughter Elizabeth fills in for Jacklyn by making the harvest meals on the days when Jacklyn works at the Health Department.

This season, the Damms report "above average tonnage, but the sugar is a little less than average". "Having irrigation definitely saved the crops," Jacklyn says. They had to irrigate twice as much due to the drought, which washes a lot of fertilizer out of the ground.

In all, the Damms are grateful to close out another successful harvest, and thankful for the opportunity that sharecropping affords.





Brightin Kunda, Jack and Jackie's grandson. (Photos by Jacklyn Damm)



Jack Damm holds one of his biggest beets.

risks and profits from exper-"I'VE BEEN ORTUNATE I have a supportive family, great people to work with and a job doing what I love. When your 78-year-old father still runs the beet harvester and your 14-year-old daughter is learning to drive the grain cart, you have a lot to be thankful for. Betaseed has been with us every step of the way. Supporting our efforts with disease-tolerant seed, they anticipate our needs even before they arise. Like lots of things on the farm, it is a partnership built on trust — trust they've earned one growing season at a time.' **Jared Sands** JW Sands Farm Alvarado, MN

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Savage Family Wraps Up 2017 Grain Harvest



Bergstedt family in Savage. (Photo submitted)

By Stephanie Ler

Dryland farmers Kelly and Suzie Bergstedt live on the century-old Bergstedt family homestead, a short jaunt down the lane road from Kelly's parents, Cliff and Linda. The farm "started as probably just a few acres, and now we farm about 3000 acres," Kelly explained. The family has "always raised small grains-wheat, barley, corn, durum, spring wheat, winter wheat," he said. The family also raises cattle, and has some acres of pasture as well.

The Bergstedts are located north of Savage, and enjoy the seasonality and flexibility afforded to them by the farming lifestyle. Suzie currently homeschools the couple's older daughters, Sarah and Hallie, in addition to caring for their young son, Ethan. Their schedule allows for Suzie and the kids to help when needed. "Kelly is always patient, and he is a very good teacher. He shows me how to operate the equipment until I feel I'm ready to do the job by myself. And then it's fun and exciting for me to be able to help!" Suzie said.

Harvest for the Bergstedts lasts about a month, from the end of July to the end of August. They've included corn in their crop this year, which they will finish combining in

Though the family raises corn for feed, most other crops are primarily for food. The choice of crop is to some extent driven by the market. "Since I have taken over the bulk of the decision making responsibilities, the farm has transitioned from a crop/fallow situation into more of a no-till operation.

We have been doing more things with pulse crops, peas and lentils," Kelly explains. "If the price of a particular commodity is down, we will shift away from that for a time, to something that will make a better return on investment," he said

To increase that return, the family has used several technologies to increase yield. "I've done a lot of things with variable rate fertilize placement," Kelly said. "We've worked with the fertilizer plant in Savage to come up with satellite images of crop density to determine where the fertilizer should go. I've been experimenting with that for the past few years. It has a lot of potential. We've been doing

some yield mapping, to figure out where to maximize the input of fertilizer," he explains. The goal is to reduce input costs for the grower and lower excess fertilizer loading to the ground, in addition to a more plentiful harvest.

The 2017 harvest season proved plentiful for the family despite dauntingly dry conditions. "As everyone knows this was a very dry year and challenging to our area. This year's harvest was surprising. Yields and quality were better than I expected. Mid-summer I didn't really expect to be harvesting much of anything. It sure wasn't our best crop but it was also not our worst. We were fortunate to receive a small amount of rain here that other areas didn't. All in all we are thankful for the harvest and looking forward to trying again," Kelly said.

The Bergstedts are looking forward to combining corn in October and settling in to fixing equipment and preparing for planting. As for the future of the farm, Kelly and Suzie are not yet sure if the children will take over some day. "I hope they will have an opportunity to take over. I feel it's a good life," Kelly says.





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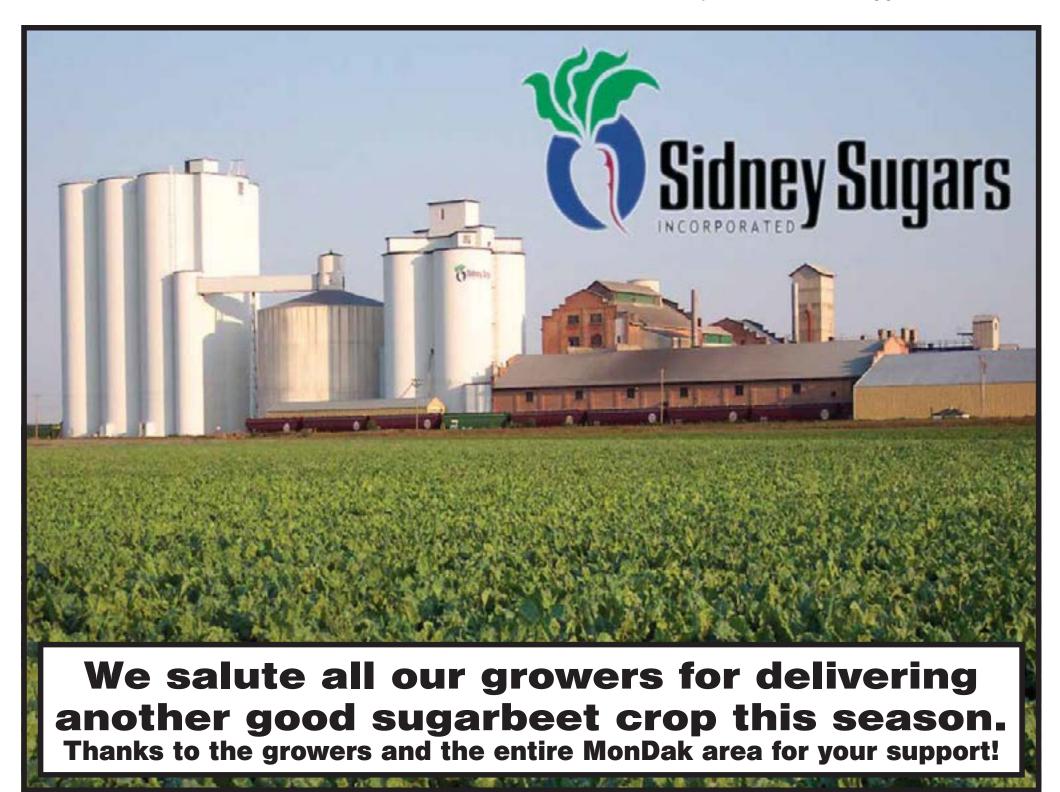
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Allison Thiel, 10, took first place and a \$20 Powder Keg gift card for her "Sugar Christmas Tree".



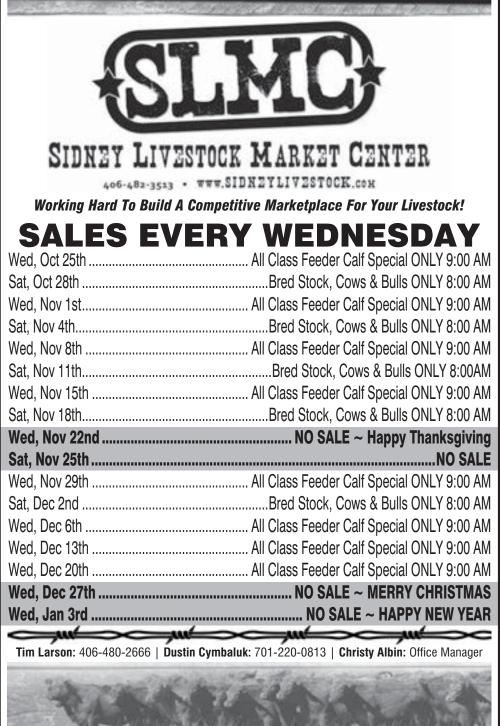
Cooper Thiel, 6, took first place and a \$20 Powder Keg gift card for his "Mummy".



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MSU Professor Finds Irrigation Timing Benefits Wheat Yield And Quality



Jessica Torrion, an assistant professor of crop physiology in MSU's College of Agriculture, holds a kernel of wheat at MSU's Northwestern Agricultural Research Center in Creston. (MSU photo by Jenny Lavey)

By Jenny Lavey, for the **MSU News Service**

In an agricultural state enduring one of the worst droughts in recent history, a Montana State University crop physiologist may have some good news for state watersheds and farmers' pocketbooks when it comes to irrigating one of Montana's top cash crops.

Jessica Torrion, assistant professor of crop physiology at MSU's Northwestern Agricultural Research Center in Creston, recently published an article that shows specifically timed irrigation practices can affect the harvest quality of hard red spring wheat varieties - if they are applied past the medium milk stage of the wheat plant's development. The article, "Impacts and Limits of Irrigation Water Management on Wheat Yield and Quality," appeared in Crop Science, the official journal of the Crop Science Society of America. Torrion's research was funded by the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee.

Milk stages are phases in a wheat plant's growth cycle when the wheat kernel begins to form and secretes a milky fluid containing starch, protein and other nutrients. The milk eventually solidifies

as the wheat kernel ripens and matures enough for adequate baking and milling, in a process called "grain filling." Grain filling generally takes four to six weeks, depending on how much moisture the crop gets. That process can be cut short during times of high temperatures, which stresses the plant, Torrion said.

Irrigating during and after the late milk stage, when the milk fluid decreases and plant starches increase to create thicker milk, does not improve the wheat's overall yield and grain quality, Torrion said. Rather, Torrion found that scheduling the final irrigation during the medium-milk stage produces yield benefits similar to that of applied irrigation after the medium milk stage, but with less water. "Essentially, we found that

a producer can irrigate earlier in the grain-filling process and achieve the same yield benefit as irrigating later," Torrion said. "So, we're looking at potentially significant savings in water, energy and time during a crop's maturation cycle, all of which become critical and expensive factors during a drought year and pins down a very common producer question of "when do I stop irrigating wheat?"

Torrion said that never before in the state has there been an experiment that evaluates yield and grain quality comparing hard red spring wheat varieties, solely based on their response to timed irrigation before the completion of grain fill. Torrion said only about eight percent of hard red spring wheat acreage is irrigated in Montana.

"Most Montana wheat farmers practice dryland agriculture, without irrigation infrastructure, so their yield is completely dependent on rainfall," Torrion said. "Given our recent drought conditions and more variable weather patterns, more Montana producers are thinking about irrigating as grain yields have fallen over time. We're seeing an increased interest in irrigation, and so we wanted to test what effects various irrigation practices might have on spring wheat varieties."

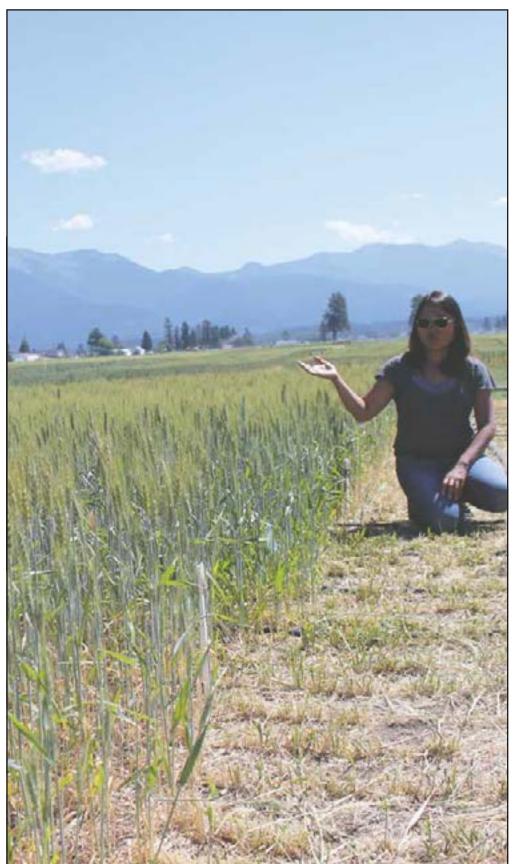
According to the USDA, hard red spring wheat is the highest grossing of all commercial crops in Montana, accounting for 23 percent of the nation's hard red spring wheat supply and more than 50 percent of Montana's total spring wheat acreage.

The article, co-authored with Bob Stougaard, NWARC



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Jessica Torrion, an assistant professor of crop physiology in MSU's College of Agriculture, has published an article in the journal Crop Sciences that shows that specifically timed irrigation practices can affect the harvest quality of hard red spring wheat. Torrion is shown at MSU's Northwestern Agricultural Research Center in Creston. (MSU photo by Jenny Lavey.)

superintendent and MSU professor of weed science, presents results from a yearlong experiment where eight hard red spring wheat plots were subjected to six different water regimens. Three water treatments replaced varying levels of moisture due to evapotranspiration loss. The additional three water regimes included scheduling a final irrigation at specific stages of the wheat plants' grain filling process -- early milk, medium milk and soft-dough.

Torrion then tested each wheat variety and its respective water regime against standard wheat market characteristics: protein content, test weight (a required 60 pounds per bushel) and falling number -- a test that indicates the amount of pre-harvest sprout damage or starch degradation in wheat Torrion said the optimal time to apply a final irrigation was during the medium milk stage.

Results also showed that when irrigation is terminated before the completion of grain filling, it does not affect the yield and quality of the wheat crop. Additionally, the grain's test weight generally improved with irrigation, whereas falling numbers generally decreased with irrigation, but this varied by variety.

"What we found is that so long as at least one irrigation event is applied during the grain-filling process, the overall yield and quality is not negatively affected," Torrion said. "Applying irrigation towards the late grain-filling process doesn't produce a greater yield or produce better quality, rather, it unnecessarily uses extra water, time, energy and income."

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, an acre-inch is equal to about 27,154 gallons of water, and Torrion said standard wheat farms in Montana have about 140 acres under each center pivot. If a producer terminates irrigation at 1 acre-inch, after the final irrigation applied at medium milk, it may save up to 3.8 million gallons of water on a 140-acre parcel, Torrion said.

"That number climbs when you consider a number of farmers that irrigate after the final recommended irrigation application at medium-milk stage," Torrion said. "We were quite surprised by our findings mostly because of the potential for greater sustainability on community water resources. That is what is really impressive," Torrion said.

Torrion added that too much unnecessary irrigation in wheat late in the season caused a lowering of falling number, a common economic challenge for Montana farmers since the condition leads to poor baking quality and reduced grain prices at local elevators.

"The goal of any irrigation practice is to limit risk and produce economic benefit for the producer," Torrion said. "Too much watering and you may have problems with lowered falling number, too little watering and you're going to see a reduction in yield due to water stress. Our ultimate goal is to provide information on best irrigation practices and enable producers to apply the right amount of water without negatively affecting yield and quality at the elevator."

The study may impact a state facing agricultural challenges with water limitations, Stougaard said.

"Ultimately, we found it improves grain quality and farm income, while better managing agricultural water use," Stougaard said. "As changing weather patterns and increased drought continue, there's a critical need to tailor water management to sustainable food production."

Stougaard added that identifying and breeding wheat varieties adapted to reduced irrigation and changing weather patterns is necessary for improving future grain production and quality.

The NWARC is one of seven remote research centers in the Department of Research Centers in MSU's College of Agriculture and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. MAES and the College of Agriculture operate remote agricultural research centers in Montana that address production challenges in the diverse agro-ecosystems of the state in research and outreach programs in: crop and animal production methods, market growth opportunities, pest management and disease management, environmental quality issues and agricultural water management research. The research centers are located in Bozeman, Conrad, Corvallis, Creston, Havre, Huntley, Moccasin and Sidney.





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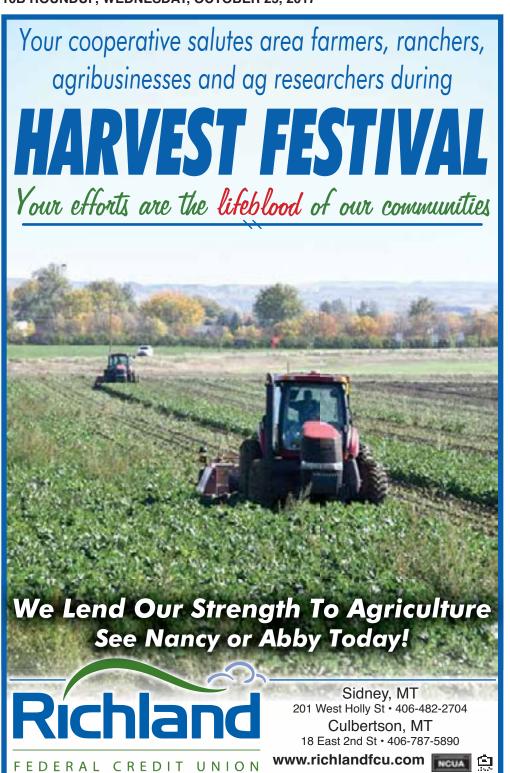
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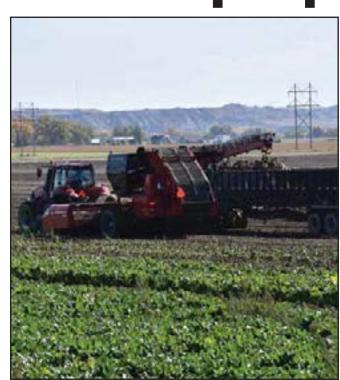
Beet harvest 2017 will soon be over, fortunately with nothing catastrophic to mark it as one to be remembered 50 years from now.

Weather has mostly cooperated, with some rain, wind, frost and heat all managing to delay digging somewhat.

According to Sidney Sugars agricultural manager Duane Peters, tonnage should be in the 31.25 to 31.5 range with sugar good at around 18%.

Early harvest, brought back after many years, went well, and should be even smoother next year when some of the kinks are worked out.

"Growers have been great to work with. They, like us, struggled with help early, finding drivers, but together we made it work," Peters said.







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Richland County 2017 Harvest Below Average



By Tim Fine

Most years, the terms "mixed bag" or "very variable" pretty adequately sum up how small grain and hay harvest went in Richland County. The 2017 harvest, however can simply be described as below average.

I do not know for sure what the average yield was for small grains in Richland County but I do know in many instances, farmers were using more fuel to run their combines across their fields than they were getting in bushels per acre. What started out as a fairly promising spring ended up turning into a dismal summer and beginning of fall.

There was probably more acres of hay harvested this year than in previous years, but that is only because, as our farmers saw that their wheat, barley, and oat crops were not going to produce much if any grain, they decided to cut them and bale them. As a result, I did more nitrate testing on small grains this year alone than I have done in any other year since I started. I do not have exact figures but I would even venture to guess that I tested more samples this year than most of the others combined.

I would be remiss if I did not include pulse acres into the dismal category as well. Again, what started out as looking promising, ended up with a less than stellar crop to harvest, if there was anything to harvest. Just like the small grains, some

of the pulses ended up being turned into forage either by being grazed directly or cut and baled.

The only saving grace that our farmers and ranchers received this year was the fact that we are still able to use our wonderfully constructed and engineered irrigation system. Every chance I get I like to tout how valuable the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project is to our area and this year, without the benefit of irrigation, all of our crops would have been disastrous. With that being said though, even some of our irrigated crops did not fare as well as they could have. In the heat of summer, I was concerned about some of these crops making it. However, as the sugarbeet campaign continues to march toward comple-

tion, it seems as though most of the irrigated crops fared pretty well.

The crops that we do not grow as much of (safflower, canola, soybeans) seemed to do pretty well also given the conditions. Safflower, specifically has a deep tap root so it was able to scavenge some moisture from deep in the soil that other crops may not have been able to take advantage of. With that being said, yields probably still were lacking. Soybeans for the most part are an irrigated crop so they should have done pretty well also. The late summer moisture that we did receive should have helped with soybean yield and test weight as that is the time when pod fill was happening.

There really isn't a bright light at the end of the tunnel except that potentially, the showers that we received in August and September did help to re-charge some of our soils. Hopefully winter will be favorable to us as well so that at least we can start out on a positive note next Spring.



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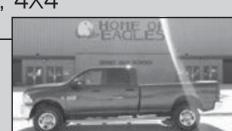
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Corn Harvest, Drying, Storage **Challenging This Year**

Be aware of the consequences of harvesting, drying and storage options.

> When drying corn after harvest, use the maximum drying temperature that won't damage the corn. (NDSU photo)

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Dakota is 100 to 200 growing

degree-days behind normal,

according to the North Dakota

Agricultural Weather Network.

This is reflected in the National

Agricultural Statistics Service

crop production report show-

ing that on Oct. 1, only 47 per-

cent of the corn was mature,

which is behind the average of

cent of the U.S. corn crop had

been harvested, compared

with a 26 percent five-year av-

erage. The U.S. Department of

Agriculture estimates that 68

percent of the U.S. corn crop is

in the mature stage, compared

with a five-year average of 78

Fall Dry-down

rate for corn in North Dakota

during October is about 2.5

percent per week, so if corn

An average dry-down

percent.

As of Oct. 1, only 17 per-

Much of eastern North

Ken Hellevang warns.

Each year brings chal-

reaches maturity at about 30 to 35 percent moisture on Oct. 1, it might be expected to be at least 20 to 25 percent moisture at the end of October. The average dry-down rate in November is only about 1

percent per week.

Normally, harvest should start by mid to late October because the amount of field drying is limited and the risk of snow and greater field losses increases when harvest is delayed. Current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration long-range weather forecasts are for normal or slightly below normal temperatures and normal to slightly greater precipitation during October.

"Assure corn stalks and cob shanks are strong if considering leaving high-moisture corn in the field over winter," Hellevang advises. "Field losses can range from minor to severe. Compare the cost of drying versus losses associated with leaving the corn in the field. In addition, standing corn tends to slow soil drying in the spring, which may delay planting."

To estimate the propane cost of drying per bushel per point of moisture removed, multiply the propane price per gallon by 0.02. For example, the cost to remove 10 points of moisture using \$1.50 propane is 30 cents per bushel. Dividing the propane cost by the corn price provides the percentage of corn losses that will equal the drying cost (30 cents divided by \$3.50 equals 9 percent). Also, verify the impact on insurance of leaving the corn in the field.

Storage Methods

With so much grain still in storage from last year, producers may be considering alternative storage options. Storage in a poly bag is a good option, but it does not prevent mold growth or insect infestations. Grain should be dry, at recommended storage moisture contents, when placed in a grain bag.

Storing higher-moisture corn in a bag should be considered very short-term storage and done only at near-freezing temperatures. At moisture contents exceeding about 25 percent, ensiling may occur at temperatures above freezing and prevent the corn from being dried and sold in the general market.

When storing in bags, select an elevated, well-drained location with the surface prepared to prevent the bags from being punctured, and run the bags north and south so solar heating is similar on both sides of the bags.

Wildlife can puncture the bags, creating an entrance for moisture and releasing the grain smell, which attracts more wildlife. Monitor the grain temperature at several locations in the bags and repair punctured bags.

Corn Drying

"Corn above 21 percent moisture should not be dried using natural-air (NA) or low-temperature (LT) drying to minimize corn spoilage during drying," Hellevang says. "Because the drying capacity of NA and LT is extremely poor at temperatures below 35 to 40 degrees, little drying typically

is possible using a natural-air system after about Nov. 1.

"Adding heat does not permit drying wetter corn and only slightly increases drying speed," he adds. "The primary effect of adding heat is to reduce the final corn moisture content."

When outdoor temperatures average near or below freezing, cool the corn to 20 to 25 degrees for winter storage and finish drying in April to early May. Limit the corn depth to about 20 to 22 feet to obtain an airflow rate of 1 to 1.25 cubic feet per minute per bushel, which is necessary to dry the corn before deterioration occurs. Turn fans off during extended periods of rain, snow or fog to minimize the amount of moisture the fans pull into the bin.

Using the maximum drying temperature that will not damage the corn increases the dryer capacity and reduces energy consumption of a high-temperature dryer. Removing a pound of water requires about 20 percent less energy at a drying air temperature of 200 F than at 150 F. Follow the dryer manufacturer's recommendations, but generally, recommended temperatures when drying corn are 210 to 230 F.

"Be aware that exce ly high drying temperatures may result in a lower final test weight and increased breakage susceptibility," Hellevang says. "In addition, as the drying time increases, high-moisture corn becomes more susceptible to browning. A cross-flow dryer that moves corn from the inside to the outside of the drying column, varies the corn flow rate across the drying column or varies the corn's exposure to the drying air is more likely to maintain corn quality."

Removing debris that accumulates on or in a dryer is more critical when outside air temperatures are cold because condensation can develop on the dryer, creating a wet surface on which debris can collect. The debris may reduce airflow through the dryer, decreasing the dryer's capacity and creating a fire hazard.

More mechanical damage occurs when harvesting high-moisture corn, which affects the storage life of the corn. Dry low-test-weight corn and corn with more damaged kernels to a percentage point lower in moisture content than normal. Cooling the grain in storage to about 20 to 25 degrees for winter storage in northern corn-growing regions and near freezing in warmer regions is more important for damaged corn than for mature, sound corn.

Check immature and damaged grain more frequently, and do not put immature or damaged corn in long-term storage.

"Also remember that working with high-moisture corn can be hazardous," Hellevang cautions. "Become informed of the hazards and recommended safety practices. Do not become a fatality."

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