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Williston Field Days Set For July 14 & 15



By Anna Dragseth

The Williston Research Extension Center (WREC), located 4.5 miles west of Williston, will be hosting its annual Dryland Tour on Wednesday, July 14. Registration will start at 3:30 p.m. followed by the tour at 4 p.m. The tour will include NDSU Extension specialists and researchers discussing several topics. After the tour, there will be a ribbon cutting for the new seed facility at 6 p.m. - a meal will be provided after the completion of the event.

WREC dryland studies focus on research in a no-till environment. Topics will include cropping systems, soil and water conservation practices, pipeline reclamation, herbicide performance and other cultural management research. The main dryland crops at the center are spring wheat and durum. Barley, oats, safflower,

pea, lentil, chickpea, canola, flax, corn, sunflower, alfalfa and other alternative crops are also grown at the center.

The WREC will also be having a Nesson Valley Irrigation Tour that will take place Thursday, July 15 at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with a meal at noon. Nesson Valley is located 23 miles east of Williston on HWY 1804.

The Nesson Valley field day will have a range of topics related to irrigation research. The site focuses on irrigation practices, improving crop production within an irrigated system and developing alternative cropping systems to improve water, nutrient and pest management.

For additional information on these field days, contact the WREC at 701-774-4315.

MSU EARC Field Day Slated For July 20

By Anna Dragseth

The MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center Irrigated Farm Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. It is located one mile north of Sidney. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the tour following at 8:30 a.m. There will be many featured speakers and topics discussed at this event. Topics will include plant breeding and newly developed varieties for wheat, barley, durum, pea, lentil, and chickpea; herbicide resistant weed control in sugar beets and other crops; disease management in cereal, pulse, and sugar beet and grasshopper issues. EARC agronomists will also present results of sugar beet and pulse crop research, and industrial partners will give updates on the sugar beet industry and pulse protein market.

Chengci Chen, EARC Superintendent, is excited to have field days back to normal. He said, "We'll celebrate the recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. With a great support and sponsorship from our local businesses and Northern Pulse Growers Association, we'll cook outdoor and serve steak for lunch this year. The

director of Montana Agricultural Experiment Station will give an update on the College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station. Our industrial partners will also give update on sugar beet industry and pea protein market."

The EARC will also hold a Montana Agricultural Experiment Station summer conference following the field tour. The administrators from College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station, and researchers from all seven research centers will meet at EARC to discuss various topics.

The EARC would like to thank our growers, legislators, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana Pulse Crop Committee, Northern Pulse Growers Association, US Dry Pea and Lentil Council, local and regional Pulse Crop and other businesses for their continuous support to agricultural research at the Eastern Agricultural Research Center and Montana State University. For more information on this event, call EARC at 406-433-2208.

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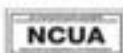
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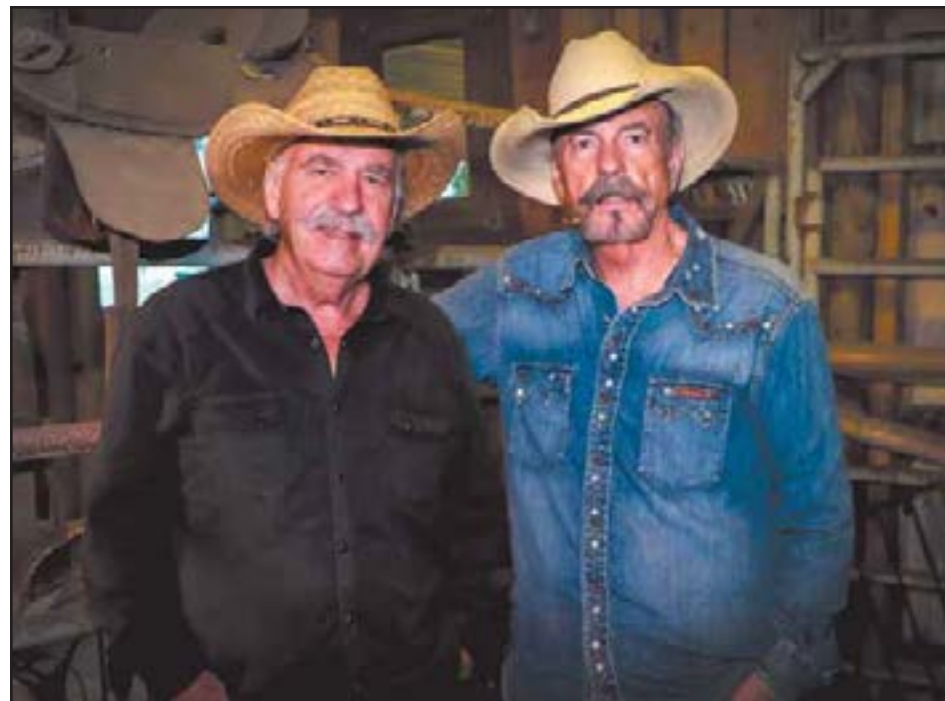
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Richland Co. Fair & Rodeo Set For Aug. 4-7



Brett Young (left) and special guests The Bellamy Brothers (right) will be this year's concert entertainment Saturday, Aug. 7 at 7 PM.

By Anna Dragseth

This year, the Richland County Fair and Rodeo will be celebrating 100 years of operation, Aug. 4-7. This century celebration was set to take place last year, but due to COVID-19, the fair board had to cancel the fair and rodeo.

"After 2020 I think the fair patrons will be ready to enjoy four days and nights of fun. I am excited to be able to have the community celebrate the Fair's Centennial this year," said Jamie Larson, Richland County Fair and Rodeo Manager.

In honor of the Fair's Centennial Celebration there will be merchandise items available to purchase including a history book, limited edition rifle, umbrellas, and more.

The fairgrounds will have a new 4-H complex that will be utilized during the fair. This consists of a cattle barn, sheep/swine barn, and horse stalls.

Larson said, "This is a great addition and investment to the Fairgrounds."

In addition to this, there will be tons of entertainment provided throughout the fair. This includes the commercial, agriculture, school, and 4-H exhibits, food booths and carnival by North Star Amusements. There will also be daily entertainment including a balloon artist, percussive dancers/cloggers/tappers, musicians on the stage, a bubble tower, and a strolling act.

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, dueling pianos group, "Duelly Noted," will be performing a free show in the arena/grandstand.

The PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) Rodeos will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5 and Friday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. presented by Brookman Rodeo. Thursday will be Military Appreciation

Night and Friday will be Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, Brett Young with special guests The Bellamy Brothers will be on the big stage starting at 7 p.m.

The Richland County Fair and Rodeo strives to make the fair fun for all ages. For more information on the 2021 Richland County Fair and Rodeo check out its website: <http://www.richland.org/295/Fair-Rodeo>.

Right: Close up of the engraving on the right side of the Richland County Fair Centennial Rifle. Only 100 of these limited edition rifles were produced.



Richland County Fair & Rodeo Centennial Rifles

A limited amount will be sold of the Henry Golden Boy, 22WMR lever action Centennial rifles purchase for \$1,250. The rifle can be purchased at the Fair office. For more information call 406-433-2801 or email jl Larson@richland.org.

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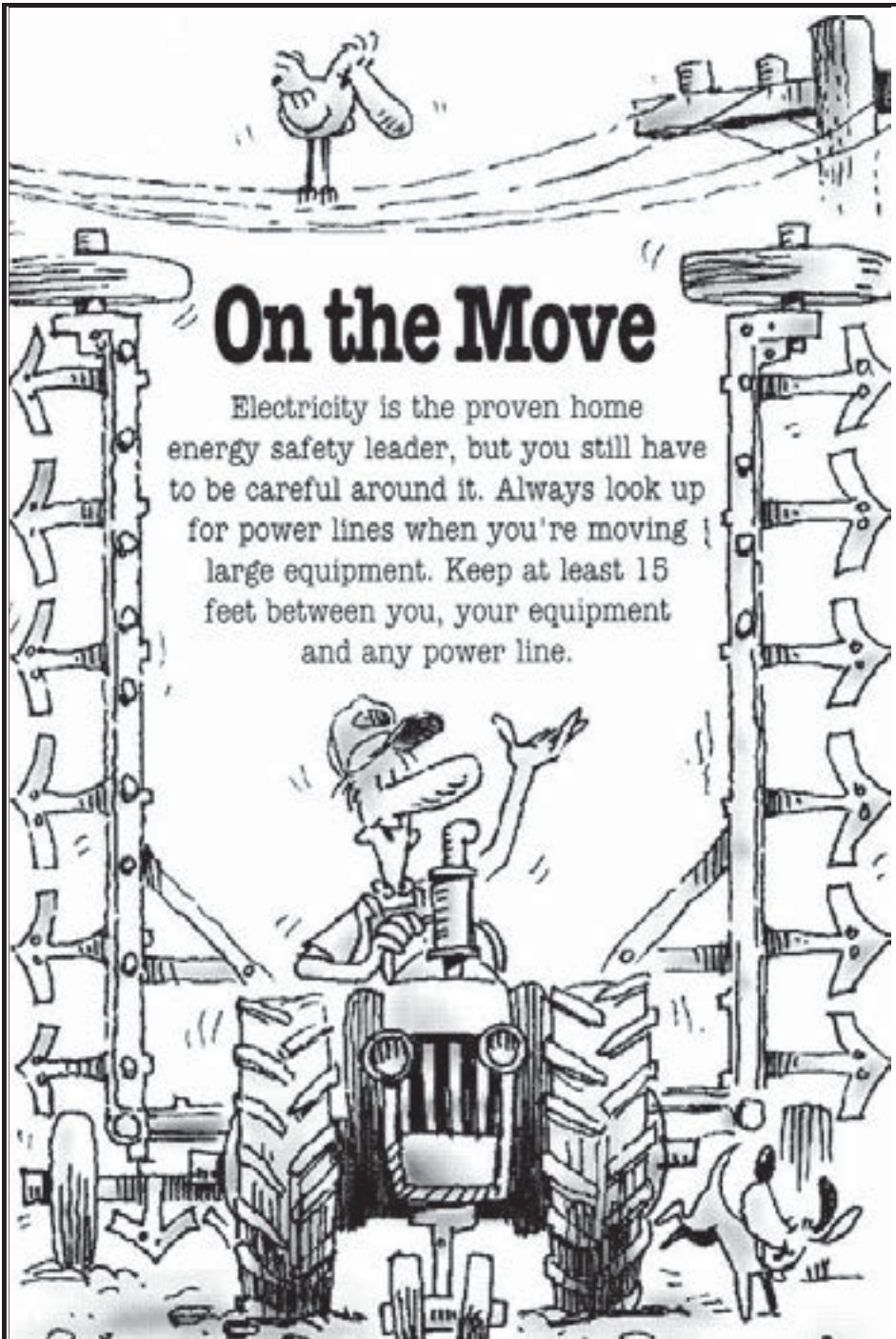
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WREC Seed Cleaning Facility Nears Completion



By Anna Dragseth

The new state-of-the-art NDSU Williston Research Extension Center (WREC) seed cleaning facility is nearing completion. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the building will be held after field day tours on Wednesday, July 14.

The new facility will clean seed approximately 200 bushels an hour, which is six times faster than the Center's current seed cleaning facility. The seed will also be all on one level so WREC staff will be able to perform several projects at once.

"We will be able to more than triple our cleaning capacity and guarantee purity of seed varieties. We will also be able to increase the number of crops that we can grow for seed production, to give the seedsmen who acquire the seed from us more options and availability. That is the goal here to produce the best public seed varieties that we can to make the producers in the MonDak region more profitable. The good thing about public seed varieties is you can replant your seed production back year after year on your own operation," said Kyle Dragseth, WREC farm manager.

Cleaning seed at the current facility is difficult; workers have to keep an eye on the seed from five separate levels. It isn't the best of working conditions; it contains poor lighting, ladders and poor dust control. It's also hard to find the parts to keep the current plant up and running.

In addition to poor working conditions, it only produces 35 bushels an hour, which makes it challenging to keep up with regional demand. The new facility will have an optical sorter with infrared cameras designed for the most complex color sorting.

"This sorter will deliver seed with the highest genetic purity of new and higher-yielding/value-added crop varieties for MonDak area growers. The new facility will enable pure seed production and guarantee complete separation of crops, with all the seed cleaning equipment designed for simplicity of clean-out and ease of accessibility," added Dragseth.

This new facility will make the WREC seed production process more profitable and enable consumers' access to more crops and different varieties of seeds from public breeding programs to include North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Minnesota and Canada.

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Gautam Pradhan to Give Drone Demonstration And Discuss Applications At WREC Field Day

By Anna Dragseth

At 4:50 p.m. CT, Gautam Pradhan, WRECs Dryland Research Agronomist, will be demonstrating how to use an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in variety selection and sharing information about UAV's performance on crop production and precision field management at the Williston Research Extension Center's Dryland Field Day, July 14.

The project Pradhan will be speaking on includes the applicability of UAV based high throughput phenotyping in the identification of drought tolerant cereal genotypes. "We anticipate a positive result, which will increase selection efficiency and expedite the development of high yielding drought tolerant cereal varieties for dryland farming. The ultimate result will be an enhanced yield and increased income of ND producers," explained Pradhan.



In North Dakota, about 99% of field crops are non-irrigated, and drought is the single most crucial abiotic factor affecting yield and quality of dryland crops. Therefore, it is imperative to develop technologies/strategies that decrease the effects of drought on crop performance and yield. An example of technology that is helping improve farming is a UAV.

The development of tolerant varieties is one of the most efficient approaches to mitigate the impact of drought stress. Pradhan said, "Plant physiological traits such as the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI), normalized difference red edge (NDRE), and canopy temperature (CT) are directly related to crop growth and yield; a stress tolerant crop usually has higher NDVI/NDRE and low CT as compared to a susceptible crop. These traits, along with plant height and green area index, when frequently measured during the growing season, may help in the identification of high yielding drought tolerant genotypes from standing crops. These traits are time sensitive; for example, the CT of a plant in the morning will be entirely different than in the afternoon. However, the collection of these data manually from thousands of plots requires a tremendous amount of time and labor, and breeders are not using these traits in genotype selection. Thus, to identify drought tolerant genotypes rapidly and accurately from standing crops, there is a need of an application of precision agriculture, i.e., an application of high throughput phenotyping system comprised of geographic information systems, remote sensing, and geographic positioning system, which enables the measurement of physiological/canopy data from thousands of plots quickly (within minutes), frequently (6-7 times during the growing season), and accurately georeferenced."

Pradhan explained, "In this project, we will be flying the drone with sensors to collect data on traits. The data will be correlated with growth and yield components and help breeders to develop high yielding drought tolerant genotypes of spring wheat, barley, and a drone."

The long-term goal of this project is to provide selection tools to cereal breeders that aid in the rapid development of drought-tolerant varieties.

Carrie Miranda to Share Soybean Varieties And Research Update

By Anna Dragseth

Starting at 5:15 p.m. CT at Williston Extension Center's Dryland Field Day, July 14, Dr. Carrie Miranda will be speaking about different soybean varieties as well as providing an update on her current soybean research at North Dakota State University.

Miranda, NDSU Assistant Professor in Soybean Breeding, aims to produce high-yielding soybean varieties to maximize success for North Dakota farmers.



Dr. Carrie Miranda
(NDSU Photo)

The NDSU soybean program uses varieties that contain value-protecting traits such as IDC, Phytophthora, and SCN resistance and/or herbicide resistance. The program also researches novel sources of useful traits such as maturity, stem architecture, and pathology using molecular and bioinformatic approaches.

Soybean variety selection in North Dakota is based on maturity, yield, seed quality, lodging, iron-deficiency, chlorosis tolerance and disease reactions. In most years, later-maturing soybean varieties tend to yield more than early maturing varieties when evaluated at the same location. For trial results see the NDSU soybean variety information at www.ag.ndsu.edu/varietytrials/soybean.

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Audrey Kalil to Speak About Root Rot of Peas at WREC Field Day

By Anna Dragseth

Dr. Audrey Kalil will be discussing root rot of peas at 4:05 p.m. CT at Williston Extension Center's Dryland Field Day, July 14. Kalil is currently conducting disease management research in pulse crops- her work in peas and lentils focuses on Fusarium and Aphanomyces root rot.

According to ag.ndsu.edu, root rots are an important yield-limiting factor in lentil and pea production. The primary causal agents of root rot of peas and lentils are the fungal pathogens: Rhizoctonia solani and Fusarium species and the fungal-like water mold pathogens Aphanomyces euteiches and Pythium species.

Fusarium species are most frequently identified as causal agents of root rot of peas and lentils in North Dakota. Aphanomyces root rot has been identified in up to 50% of North Dakota pea and lentil fields on a yearly basis and is known to be the most destructive of the root rots when the environment is conducive.

General root rot symptoms are distinct, but because multiple pathogens often infect individual plants concurrently, accurately identifying the causal agents based on symptoms can be difficult. As the plant infection progresses, damaged areas of plant tissue merge and microbes begin to invade the plant.

Fusarium root rot typically does not kill the plant, but yield may be reduced. Leaf yellowing, wilting, and stunting are associated with reduced nutrient and water uptake. Fusarium species are capable of surviving as mycelium in soil or crop debris - some species form resting spores, which remain viable for as long as six years.

Proactive management of root rots is important to maximize production of these

important crops. According to us-apulses.org, the first line of defense is crop rotation, which is already well-practiced by pulse growers. A disease like root rot can only be managed preventatively, therefore lengthening out the time between both peas and lentils is important.

If a grower is concerned about disease or pest problems, the first step is to diagnose the problem and then determine the appropriate management response. Plant disease diagnostics labs are available at North Dakota State University and Montana State University. Farmers can reach out to county agents to work with researchers and labs to understand the problem and develop a management strategy.



Richland County 4-H 2021 Fashion & Quilt Revue

By Ally Young

Richland County 4-H held its 2021 Fashion and Quilt Revue on June 10 at the county extension office. The 4-H members embodied the theme of red, white, and blue as they lit up the evening like 4th of July fireworks with personal, wonderfully crafted pieces.

The afternoon began with an interview and judging process, similar to what 4-H members face taking their projects to the fair. This year, the members and

their projects were evaluated by Vickie Salvesson. Later in the evening, the participating 4-H members were given the opportunity to show off their sewing and quilting projects to family, friends, and community members in a "fashion show" type module. The "show" was emceed by Becca Deming and Allyson Young – both Richland County 4-H alumni.

Following the revue, awards were presented to the members based on the evaluation of their projects and personal interviews. In the Junior Fashion Division, Hallie Bergstedt, Anna Stepler, and Sofia Dietrich all received blue ribbons, with Hallie Bergstedt earning Top Junior honors with her fashion piece. Shelby Reese and Sofia Dietrich both received blue ribbons in the Junior Quilt Division, with Sofia Dietrich earning Top Junior honors with her quilt piece. Kamden Johnson competed as a Cloverbud in both project areas.



Junior Top Fashion:
Hallie Bergstedt
(Submitted photo)



Junior Top Quilt: Sofia Dietrich. (Submitted photo)



From left, Hallie Bergstedt, Anna Stepler, Sofia Dietrich, Shelby Reese, Kamden Johnson (Submitted photo)

Brian Jenks: A Weed Perspective at WREC Field Day



By Anna Dragseth

Dr. Brian Jenks will be discussing kochia control, weed control in dry conditions, and weed resistance at 4:25 p.m. CT at Williston Research Extension Center's Dryland Field Day, July 14.

Jenks is a North Central Research Extension Center weed scientist who conducts weed control research in most crops grown in western North Dakota. He and his team have been conducting research to help provide farmers with alternatives for combatting difficult-to-control weeds like glyphosate-resistant kochia, narrowleaf hawksbeard, horseweed and others.

"We have been screening green foxtail and wild oat populations from across the state for resistance to our grass herbicides. The amount of resistance across the state is significant. Some growers have wild oats that are resistant to most grass herbicides," said Jenks.

He will be discussing how kochia tends to thrive in dry conditions. He said, "The kochia problem has been compounded by the development of glyphosate resistance in some kochia populations. Thus, when we do a normal pre-plant or pre-emergence burndown with glyphosate, we must add another product to the tank to control kochia."

Jenks's research focuses around the goal of trying to understand which herbicides can be used to control specific weeds, as well as their optimal application rates and timing.

He and his research team are currently investigating the effect of fall herbicide applications for controlling winter annual weeds (e.g., hawksbeard, horseweed) as well as early spring-emerging weeds (e.g., kochia). Be sure to attend the Williston Research Extension Center's Dry Land Field Day to hear more from Jenks.

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McKenzie County 4-H Events Held

The 2021 McKenzie County 4-H Project Expo and 4-H Communication Arts Events were held May 18 at the NDSU Extension/McKenzie County office.

The 4-H Project Expo event provides youth with the opportunity to plan, prepare and display an article, educational or food related project. Four-H members also verbally express themselves to a judge. At the close of the contest, ribbon awards were presented to each participant.

Senior (13-18 year olds) Ethan Roffler was awarded a Grand Champion ribbon on his display, "Playing With Soap."

Ethan was invited to attend the State 4-H Project Expo event on July 26 at the North Dakota State Fair, Minot.

The 4-H Communication Arts event is designed to help youth develop speaking abilities. Participants learn about the importance of organizing information and/or equipment to tell and/or show others what they are learning in 4-H. How they present themselves is the number one judging criteria.

In the junior division (8-12 year olds), Grand Champion ribbons were assigned as follows:

- Gavyn and Gracyn Darrington for their team "S'mores sisters!" Fish Tank Entrepreneurship entry
- Kyle Best for his "Why Buy Local" video production and
- Clara Wisness for her "Trash to Treasure" demonstration

In addition, Taylee Hunsaker received a Reserve Champion ribbon for her "Knot Tying" demonstration.

Cloverbud members (ages 5-7, non-competitive) were awarded participation ribbons for their demonstrations as follows:

- Graham Darrington with "How to Make a Hot Dog in a Toaster Oven"
- Ellie Pennington with "Letters into Art" and
- Robby Hunsaker with "How to Plant a Seed"

Communication Arts participants were invited to participate in the 4-H District Communication Arts event on May 26 in Williston.

Vicki Monsen, Arnegard, served as the judge for these events.

NDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development's mission is to create supportive

learning environments for youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable,



Back from left, Ethan Roffler, Kyle Best, Clara Wisness, Gracyn Darrington, Gavyn Darrington and Taylee Hunsaker. Front, Robby Hunsaker, Ellie Pennington and Graham Darrington. (Submitted photo)

competent and caring adults. To carry out this mission, 4-H provides hands-on experiences through projects, activities and events. Youth are involved through clubs, school enrichment programs, independent study, after-school programs and special interest groups. Four-H is the largest and only research-based youth organization in the state.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is available to all youth and information is offered in every county in North Dakota. For more information, please contact the NDSU Extension/McKenzie County office at 701-444-3451.



McKenzie County Fair Highlights

Winning the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in Senior Goat Showmanship are Riley Faller and Jordyn Pedersen. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)

Riley Faller shows her overall Grand Champion Market Steer in Senior Showmanship at the McKenzie County Fair 16-19. Riley also earned the Overall Grand Champion Senior Beef Showman along with overall Senior Goat Showman and Grand Champion in Round Robin.

NDSU Williston Research Extension Center



WREC Dryland and Horticulture Field Day Wednesday, July 14 | Registration at 3 pm

Topics Include:

- Drought impacts in weed control, soil moisture & livestock
- UAV demo/date of planting performance
- Root rot of peas
- Summer lawn & garden tips
- Williston Beautification
- Garden tour/Haskap production

Seed Cleaning Facility Ribbon Cutting6 pm Free steak & lamb dinner7 pm

The public is invited to attend all Field Day activities located at 14120 Hwy 2 (4.5 miles west of Williston).



Nesson Valley Irrigation Project Field Day Thursday, July 15 | Tour Begins 9 am

NDSU Research Scientists Will Discuss:

- Irrigated canola production management
- Soybean planting
- Soil health
- Irrigated cover crop mixes
- Foundation seed increase
- Programs & assistance for irrigated production

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Epping's Buffalo Trails Day Scheduled For July 10-11



On Saturday, July 10 and Sunday, July 11 enjoy family fun at the 2021 Buffalo Trails Day event in Epping.

On Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., enjoy the new edition to Buffalo Trails Day with a 3-on-3-basketball tournament for youth. For more information on this event contact Luanne Axelson, 701-210-0978.

There will be food and craft vendors at the Pavilion on Main Street during the day.

The VFW Post 12169 will be holding a Cornhole Tourney, 1 p.m. at Epping Eagles Nest. Register your team with Eagles Nest, \$50 per team, six places paid out. "Balderdash" will be playing, 8 p.m.-midnight at the Epping Firemen's Dance at the Pavilion on Main Street. There will be a fireworks display, provided by the city of Epping, beginning around 11 p.m., weather permitting.

On Sunday, July 11 start your day with the annual pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. at the Pavilion on Main Street with proceeds going into Buffalo Trails Museum. At 10:30 a.m., there will be Epping Lutheran Services with Pastor Mary Dickman Parris and special guests Upper Missouri Bible Camp staff. Craft vendors will be available from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Pavilion on Main Street. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. silent auction donations will be welcome and for more information on the silent auction contact Shelly Alexander, 701-570-7899.

Buffalo Trails Museum will be open for tours from 11 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2 p.m.

A parade will start at noon at the north end of Main Street and Dave Berg will be showing off his new wagon and escorting the retired Epping firemen. The Williston Cowboys Drum & Bugle Corps will provide music in the gazebo from 12:30-1 p.m. A petting zoo will be held from 1-3 p.m., with the animals provided by Tana Conlin and Tessa Sigvaldsen. There will be wagon rides courtesy of Dave Berg and his pony team along with a Memorial Paul Sagaser Car Show from 12:30-3 p.m. For more information on the car show contact Lane Thompson, 701-770-3281.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., a Tug-o-War on Main Street will take place with the Epping Fire Department vs. Ray Fire Department. The Epping Fire Department equipment will also be on display on Main Street showing their new upgrades to their fleet.

A live auction will be held at the Pavilion on Main Street at 12:30 p.m. and will feature a huge cowhide and quilt. From 2-2:30 p.m., Parade Best announcements will be made along with basketball tournament winners and a raffle and silent auction will take place. The 1st and 2nd place People's Choice winners will be announced at 3 p.m.

For more information on Buffalo Trails Day contact Shelly Alexander at 701-570-7899.

98th Annual Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede July 8-10

Marvin Brookman Stadium Wolf Point, MT

The Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede will celebrate its 98th year July 8-10 in Wolf Point hosted by the Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit 2020 Medium Rodeo of the Year committee along with the many dedicated Stadium committee and community volunteers.

RAM and Cinch Jeans & Shirts PRCA Rodeo action will be held each evening at 7 p.m. July 8-10.

Other events and festivities set for the 98th weekend celebration include the KVCK Country Showdown, Miss Wild Horse Stampede & Miss Teen Wild Horse Stampede Contest, Class Reunions, "Blue Jeans & American Dreams" 2-day Parade, Carnival, Cowboy Church, Street Dance, the famous Catholic Hamburger Stand on Main Street, TETWP Stampede Roundup Golf Tournament & Thursday Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night, Gun Raffle, Museum Pancake Breakfast, Wild Horse Race and Event Calcutta's each night at the rodeo, Human Stampede, Kids Stick Horse Rodeo hosted by Miss Rodeo Montana and Art in the Park.

Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede tickets available June 24 by calling 406-653-1770 or stop in at the Main Street ticket booth in Wolf Point. For more information contact The Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 406-653-2012, wolfpointchamber@gmail.com, www.wolfpointchamber.com or Facebook.

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