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From Left to Right: Joni Morlock, Mayor Mark Brehm, Senator Conrad, Chuck Wilson, Officer John Rose, Kerry Moore.

Senator Conrad visits Cando

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In a strong attempt to meet with all of Rural North Dakota, Senator Kent Conrad visited Cando last Thursday afternoon, August 26. Arriving before his scheduled time, Senator Conrad visited with coffee-goers at Dee's cafe before sitting down with Mayor Mark Brehm, Chief of Police John Rose; City Auditor Joni Morlock; council member Kerry Moore, and Chuck Wilson, all members of the Police Commission to discuss key issues for Cando and surrounding area.

The top issue of discussion was the utilization of more than

\$120,000 in federal funding to support area law enforcement officers.

The city of Cando recently received a \$122,680 grant under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The grant has enabled the department to hire one additional police officer.

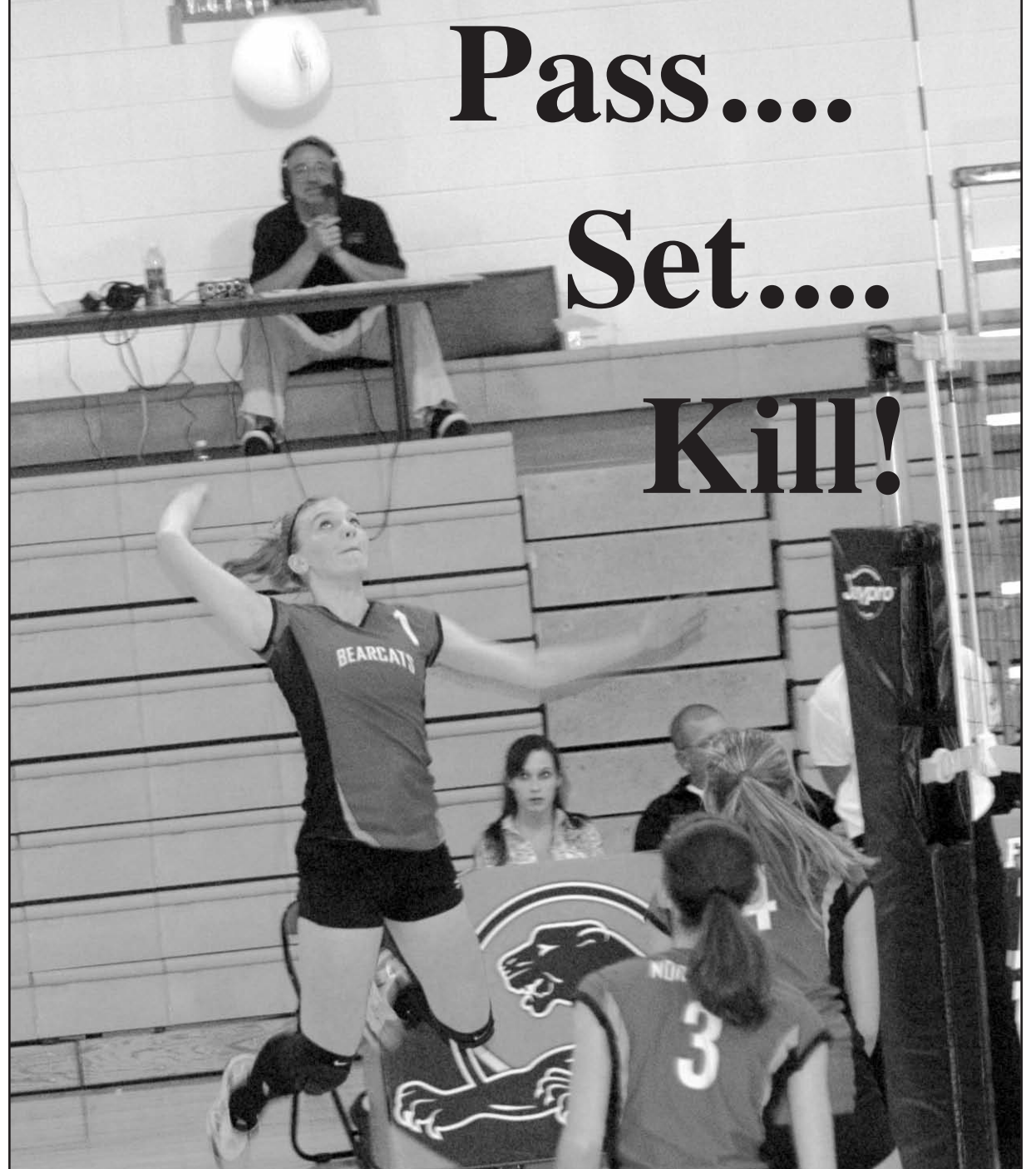
"As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers. Law enforcement officials like those here in Cando protect our communities and save lives. By increasing their numbers - however slightly - we make their job a little safer, a little easier," Senator Conrad said.

Senator Conrad and Officer Rose talked at length regarding the pro-

gram, the increased crime rate for 2010, and the impact the grant would have on the effectiveness of the police force for the city.

Senator Conrad briefed the community leaders on efforts in the Senate to spur national economic recovery and how that will impact families and businesses in North Dakota as well as additional efforts in the Senate to support law enforcement, including his introduction of the Strengthening Community Safety Act. That legis-

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Kelsey Teubner leads the Lady Bearcats with 12 kills in their win against Rugby on Tuesday night in the season opener. Full story on page 4A.
Photos by Carey Lynn Tyndall

Cando farmer finds help when it's needed most

One man's dream to help farmers becomes another man's rescue

by Carey Lynn Tyndall
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Wednesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 26 brought a great sense of relief to Ed and Caryl Walters of rural Cando. The relief was the result of watching 3 volunteers associated with Farm Rescue harvest his 150 acres of wheat.

In 2005, Bill Gross had a dream. He wanted to find a way to help farmers in need. Too often we find ourselves victim to injury, illness, or natural disaster and it leaves our resources empty and our motivation dry. Bill Gross, founder of Farm Rescue, believed there was something he could do about that. And he has.

In the fall of 2009, Farm Rescue, with the help of corporate sponsors such as RDO, Bremer Bank and Walmart, reached a remarkable goal. They assisted in their 100th harvest, helping in one hundred harvests and helping one hundred farmers in need of their time and efforts. Farm Rescue has reached all over the Dakotas, Eastern Montana and Western Minnesota. Farm Rescue is a nonprofit organization consisting of the founder, Bill Gross, a Board of Directors, two office personnel and an array of volunteers.

Scott Walters, also a farmer and Ed's son, says "there would be a lot of farmers in trouble if not for Farm Rescue. It's such a blessing to see others and my dad helped in such a way."

While during harvest farmers supply the use of their own trucks to transport the grain, a state-of-the-art John Deere Harvester combine is furnished through RDO.

"I don't know what I would have done" says Ed. "We spent 5 1/2 months in Rochester in 2009 and 4 months there so far this year. We are scheduled to return September 1

for six weeks. Now I can rest assured - my crop will be off the ground and I won't have to think about it while we are in Minnesota for my wife's treatment. It means a lot to me and to my wife to be able to do that."

In January 2009, Caryl was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer located in her left front lobe called Supratentorial Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor or "PNET" for short, which usually targets children age 10 and younger. Yet Caryl, age 65, found herself in for the biggest battle of her life. For her husband Ed, who has made his family and his farm his main focus for two decades, the only desire he had now was to be at his wife's side during this time. For the first time in Ed's life, the farm was not his deepest concern.

While renting most of his land to his son Scott, or neighboring farmers eased the worries of spring planting and harvest to some degree, not all the burdens were lifted. One hundred and fifty acres still needed Ed's personal attention. 2009 came and went and somehow Ed and his wife found the time to be both at the farm and in Rochester for treatments at the needed time. The crop got planted, the treatments were received, the tumor receded and come fall, the crop was harvested. A year with extraordinary challenges was met with extraordinary success.

But, as winter brought its brisk winds and cold temperatures, so did another spring show its face with the same desire - crops again needed to go into the ground. However for Ed, the natural course of a farmer's life was so much more than that. His wife's tumor also returned. Another year of farming for Ed was met again with another



Caryl Walters

year of treatments for Caryl.

Despite the odds of wet weather, and flooded lands, Ed did the impossible - he got his crop in the ground for 2010. By God's grace, he finished in time to bring Caryl to Rochester for the third time. This was to be the longest of visits so far. This round of treatments lasted

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Ed Walters, center, is pictured with Gene Spichke, left and Pastor Andy Wittenburg. Below: RDO's 9770 STS John Deere harvester used to remove the crop.



