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Shawn Heinz watches as Farm Rescue volunteers plant his spring crop.

Farm Rescue helps local farm with spring work

Shawn Heinz was enjoying an Aberdeen City League basketball game earlier this year. One wrong move and he ended up in the hospital with torn muscles and leg fractures.

That was in March. Shawn recently was able to get rid of the crutches. His leg is still encased in a cast and brace. Future surgery will be needed, he said.

"Sitting on the couch makes you miss the tractor," Shawn said. But tractor work would not be a possiblity this spring.

Heinz family members had heard about Farm Rescue and their work — helping farm families in crisis. Shawn applied and a crew came last week to Ipswich to help with spring planting for Shawn.

Powell Cemetery spring clean up

Spring cleanup is planned at the Powell Cemetery on Tuesday, May 23 beginning at 6 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, the rain date is May 25 at 6 p.m.

The Farm Rescue crew planted 250 acres of corn and 400 acres of soybeans for Heinz.

Farm Rescue volunteer Levi Wielenga said they have 10 volunteers working three crews, one in Ipswich, the other two in North Dakota. They work in area states beginning in April until the first week of June for planting. Then they assist in haying and then harvest. They don't stop until freeze, he said.

Wielenga said Farm Rescue has been assisting farm families for 11 years. They helped their 400th family last year, he said.

Farm Rescue has four staff members and more than 1000 registered volunteers. The first day of Shawn's work had a volunteer from Sioux Falls and another from Jamestown, N.D. Another from Harrisburg was expected the next day.

Farm Rescue provides a variety of services to farm and ranch families facing major injury, illness or natural disaster. They provide assistance in six states—North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Iowa and Nebraska.

A variety of sponsors assist their mission. RDO Equipment Co. is a premier sponsor, providing the equipment. Platinum sponsors include local businesses North Central Farmers Elevator and Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC Aberdeen and Mina.

For more information see their website, www.farmres-

Volunteers sought to help at 2017 Trail Days events

Workers are needed for the 2017 Trail Days celebration on Saturday, June 10.

Help is needed at the complex for ticket sales and concession stand. Several shifts

are available.

For more information or to volunteer contact Deb, Judy or Shirley at the Ipswich State Bank, 426-6031.

Trail Days coming...

Little Miss and Mr. Ipswich

The Ipswich Commercial Club will sponsor the Little Miss and Mr. Ipswich contest during 2017 Trail Days.

They are inviting all children ages five and six from the Ipswich area to participate in the 2017 Little Miss and Mr. Ipswich contest. The winners will receive prizes and get to represent the town of Ipswich for the next year.

This event kicks off with a picnic **just for the participants** at the 4-H Building in Ipswich from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, June 9. The kids will enjoy a free meal, as well as make a craft.

Judges will observe the children, and score them based on personality, kindness and participation. The

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Parade and Car Show

Entries for the Ipswich Trail Days Parade and Car Show are being sought for this year's Trail Days celebration taking place on Saturday, June 10 in Ipswich.

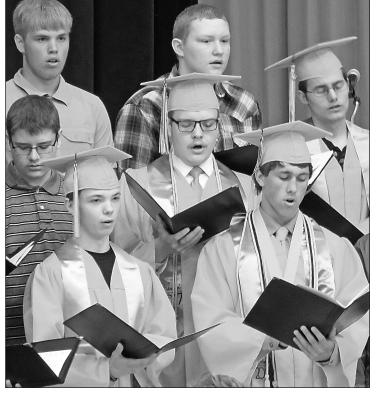
The theme for this year's parade is "Come One, Come All to the Circus Parade." The parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

Opportunities abound for vehicle enthusiasts from motorcycles and hot rods to cool

re-makes, original muscle cars, pickups and antique tractors.

Registration for the car show will begin immediately following the parade in front of the North Central Farmers Elevator Office located on Hwy 12 E, across from the Buffalo Station. Vehicles will be on display until 3 p.m., weather permitting.

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Graduation music

2017 graduaters were among the members of the Ipswich mixed chorus that sang during commencement on Saturday, May 13.