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## SHOOTING SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

Witness recounts Tuesday shooting

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"Now what is he going to do," Steve Nelson said to his wife Tara on Tuesday afternoon.

The Nelsons, who live and run a business out of their property across the road from the Dakota

Silver liquor store witnessed a man in a dark truck stick a rifle out the window and fire shots into the liquor store and the Brothers III gas station across the street at around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, one of the busier times for both businesses.

The couple had witnessed the suspect, who later was identified by authorities as 21-year-old Matthew Schaefer, leave the liquor

store in an agitated state about 10 minutes prior as their kids played in the backyard.

"Then he shot, and you're thinking, 'did he just do that?'" Nelson said.

Nelson was one of the witnesses who reported the shooting to 911. "Then he just casually drove away."

No one was injured in the shooting, which was still under investi-

gation on Wednesday. Schaefer, from Valley City, was involved in a fatal, single-vehicle accident about a half hour later near the Baldhill Dam north of Valley City. His body has been sent to Bismarck for an autopsy.

Wednesday afternoon both stores were open for business, and bullet holes could be seen in the outside siding of Brothers III, **SHOOTING**, Page 6

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## Helping harvest



Farm Rescue volunteers Louie Rothmann of Washburn, N.D., Andy Wittenburg of Seal Rock, Ore., and Scott Rossow of St. Joseph, Mo. were at the Bert and Dianne Pedersen farm on Tuesday to help harvest 550 acres of wheat for the family, who live near Kathryn.

Bert had developed a strep infection in one leg and also tore knee ligaments in the other. Farm Rescue is a non-profit organization that assists farmers with the planting and harvesting of crops. (David Luessen/Times-Record)

## Sheyenne continues to drop

Corps matching outflows to inflows at Baldhill Dam

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Sheyenne River water flows are starting to fall at Valley City, although it may be a long time, if ever, before levels fall to normal August heights.

Rich Schueneman, manager of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baldhill Dam, said Thursday the water level at Valley City will fall to about 9 feet today after being at 10.38 feet Wednesday and an early August peak of nearly 16 feet.



Rich Schueneman

"We're going to cut outflows to 1,500 cubic feet per second today. It should bring the river down 1-1/4 to 1.5 feet," Schueneman said Thursday.

"With the recent weather without significant precipitation, it allows the river gauges up north to come down. They have come down at Cooperstown and Baldhill Creek," Schueneman said.

The Corps decided to reduce outflows Thursday because "Cooperstown is really falling down nicely, with no **RIVER**, Page 6

## Medicine Wheel Park adds land

AgCountry Credit donates two-thirds of an acre

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Two-thirds of an acre was donated to the Medicine Wheel Park by AgCountry Farm Credit Services this week. The land is on the slope of the west side of the park facing traffic on Winter Show Road.

"What we'll end up doing is landscaping it in a manner similar to the Garden of the Sun, which is the land that it's adjacent to," said Doug Anderson, director of marketing and communications at Valley City State University.

"It will serve as a very highly visible entrance to the park."

Built in 1992 by VCSU instructor Joe Stickler and his student assistants, the 30-acre park includes two solar calendars, Native American burial mounds, a model of the solar system, a segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail and a 3,000 square foot flower garden. The park is maintained by the Stickler and VCSU students.

## VC scout attends World Jamboree

Viland travels to Sweden for event

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Paul Viland of Valley City was one of 39,000 boy scouts at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Rinkaby, Sweden. Viland was one of 1,120 scouts from the United States to travel to the

event, and the only one from North Dakota.

Scouts from 166 different countries were in attendance.

"There was a bunch that I didn't actually know were countries," Viland said.

The scouts lived in tents and cooked over an open fire. During the event that ran from July 27 to Aug. 7, the tent city became the fourth largest city in

Sweden.

Bear Grylls, host of "Man vs. Wild" on the Discovery Channel spoke at the opening ceremony. Viland agreed that the British survival expert was "the ultimate boy scout."

Sweden's royal couple, King Carl Gustav XVI and Queen Silvia also attended the jamboree. Gustav addressed the scouts at the closing ceremony.

The jamboree is organized by a different country every four years, and is open to first rank scouts between the ages of 14 and 17, which as an Eagle Scout, Viland qualified for. The next jamboree will be held in Japan in 2015.

Viland, who will be a senior at Valley City High School this year, joined the boy scouts in the

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Home of Lorraine Olson

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