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LHS Class of 2011 graduate

Congratulations to the Class of 2011
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By Kim Roy

The Lemmon High School Class of 2011 celebrated their commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 15, at the Armory. Family and friends were present to cheer the graduates on their first of many milestones in their lives.

After the graduates entered the Armory for the ceremony, class president, Kaci Maier offered the welcome address. The choir then performed touching numbers, "Never Far From Home" and "For Good," following by a slide show presenting childhood pictures of each graduate. During the slide show, each graduate went to their parents in the audience to offer their gratitude for the love and support throughout their high school careers.

Honor students Bobbi Beer,

Brant Haase, and Danci Hoff addressed the graduates, sharing memories from the school careers, and offered plans for future hopes and dreams. Guidance counselor Brent Dirk announced each graduate, and Superintendent Rick Herbel and Board of Education President Kevin Benson congratulated and distributed diplomas.

The class chose the blue iris as their class flower and their colors were blue, black and silver. The class motto was a George Bernard Shaw quote: "Life isn't about finding yourself; it is about creating yourself."

After the ceremony, many families traveled home for open houses and receptions to congratulate the new graduates of Lemmon High School.



Photo by Kim Roy

Kathy Zorc, Farm Rescue Volunteer Dave Sette, and Joe Zorc take a short break during their spring planting.

Local family welcomes Farm Rescue's help

By Kim Roy

Farm Rescue stepped up to help a local family get their spring crops in the first week of May. Joe Zorc of Zorc Ranch southwest of Lemmon experienced a devastating injury to his leg March 4th during calving season.

Joe and Kathy Zorc could not have anticipated the fateful accident. Joe and Kathy were calving when Joe broke both his tibia and fibula in his right leg. The break was so severe that 60 days later, Joe is still working to get back on both feet. The injury couldn't have happened at a more crucial time, spring planting. Kathy Zorc is a resourceful, "hands on" ranch wife, who had the help of their neighbors. However, the Zorcs soon discovered they needed additional help when it came time for planting.

"It's really hard to admit that you need help," Kathy Zorc offered. "But John Merriman told us about Farm Rescue. He brought over the application and

said, 'If you don't fill this out, I will.' It took a few weeks to approve our application."

The first Farm Rescue team were at the Zorc Ranch Thursday, May 5, and went to work right away. Retired farmers Gene Spichke, Charlie Bartsch and Warren Zakopyko went to work immediately on their goal of planting 1,000 acres for the Zorc's. They worked for three days. Dave Sette finished the planting on the Monday following Mother's Day.

Farm Rescue brings all their own equipment and have a skilled plan of attack for the most work in the least amount of time. The Zorc's were so grateful for their skill and commitment to help them out this spring.

Kathy Zorc also shared that she just couldn't have gotten by without the help of her friends and neighbors. Trying to run the ranch and the household is a tall order, plus keeping Joe off his feet and on the path to recovery was almost too much for the

spunky gal. Kathy said that friends and neighbors brought food and casseroles to put in the freezer. She thought it was nice, but never truly appreciated it until she had four hungry men to feed and no time to cook or even go to the store. "I couldn't have done it without their help."

Dave Sette, the last Farm Rescue volunteer to help the Zorcs, worked from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. to get the last of the crops planted before the equipment had to be moved to another farmer in need. Sette is from Grafton, Wisc. and the son of a Wisconsin farmer. He decided to volunteer after watching a spot on the "Today Show" about Farm Rescue four years ago.

Sette volunteers three weeks of his vacation each year to Farm Rescue, and his family sacrifices their husband and father to help others in need. But Sette was all grins Monday afternoon when he took a short break to visit. There

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GRAND RIVER ROUNDUP

BY BETTY OLSON

'We've had typical spring weather this week, everything from a 76 degree sunny day to a frosty 29 degrees with snow, rain, and wind. Lots of wind. Reub got my big garden plowed for me last week, but after the rain showers we got it's too wet to plant. My potatoes sure missed the recommended Good Friday planting date. I do have them cut up and ready to plant. And if it dries up enough this week I'll try to get Taz to plow up my kitchen garden back of the house. At least that's my plan. What do you suppose are the chances of this actually happening?

'Thankfully we didn't get the heavy rain, flooding and tornados the weatherman warned us was coming last Monday, but I had to use the windshield wipers when the Larson kids and I drove to school in Buffalo that day.

The weather was a little better when we went to school Tuesday. We met Ty Thybo at Reva to send Larson's last bum lamb home with him for his mother. Gail is feeding upwards of eighty bum lambs so far. She is one ambitious lady!

Joe Kronberg, age 52, from Bison was electrocuted while working at an oil rig near Williston, ND early Tuesday morning. Joe was one of the nicest guys I've ever met. His tragic death leaves a huge hole in the fabric of our community. His funeral was Sunday at the school gymnasium in Bison. Joe is survived by his wife Margo and their kids, Brody, Kallie and Morgan. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joe's family.

'We branded our first batch of calves Wednesday. Since the kids were still in school, Bill Holt and Jeremy Stadheim came to help Reub and Casey. Wednesday afternoon Gary Wilken brought the replacement bulls we bought at his sale in Faith last week.

'I had a lot of fun Thursday and Friday in Wyoming taking care of Guy and Megan's boys while Guy was at work and Megan and her sister Molly went to Arkansas to

visit their Grandma Mitchell. Cade and Creed had to go to school but Cass kept me entertained. Cass is at the age his father calls the "terrible twos", but we got along really well. Maybe he just knows how to handle Grandma?

Guy told about Cass getting in trouble one day. When he saw that he'd pushed old Dad too far he started screaming, "Don't spank the baby!" I doubt that saved him from getting his backside warmed, but it made grandma chuckle.

I took some information about the Great Western Cattle Trail Association to Terry Girouard at the Rockpile Museum in Gillette and Cass entertained himself with the large assortment of dinosaurs in the children section. I also had information for the West Texas Trails Museum in Moorcroft that Mr. Girouard mailed it to Moorcroft for me since I wasn't able to get there during business hours. The Great Western Cattle Trail Association would like to get chapters set up in all eight states that the Texas trails came through. Their new website at greatwesterntrail.net hasn't been completed yet, but it does have a history of the cattle trails and a map of the entire trail from Mexico into Canada. Check it out.

Harding County High School graduation was this Saturday in Buffalo. Our grandson Taz was one of 19 members of this last class to graduate from the school that was built in 1939. Valedictorian Katie Doll and Salutatorian Laeken Stugelmeyer gave very entertaining speeches before introducing the featured speaker, long-time Harding County educator Wally Stephens. Wally read off the names of the last class to graduate from the original Buffalo High School and the first class to graduate from the present high school building. The class of 2011 will be the last class to graduate from this building. This fall Harding County School students will begin classes in the new school being built on the north side of

Buffalo and the class of 2012 will be the first to graduate from the third school to be built in Buffalo. Time marches on.

Slim Buttes Lutheran Church had cake and coffee after services on Sunday to honor our nursing school graduate Kayla Holt and Taz. Another member of Slim Buttes Lutheran, Lona Vroman, also graduated this spring. We congratulate all the new graduates and wish them all the best in the future.

I found a few puns these well-educated minds might appreciate:

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumberence. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse. Do I hear groaning?

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Photo by Kim Roy

Dave Sette (center) spent his vacation time helping Kathy and Joe Zorc with their spring planting.

was nothing but gratitude on the Zorcs' faces as they visited briefly before getting back to work planting. Storm clouds were on the horizon, and everyone wanted the job done before the rain hit late that night.

Farm Rescue was established by UPS pilot, Bill Gross, a Cleveland, ND, native. Gross was flying over the country one day when asked by his co-pilot what he planned to do when he retired. Gross responded, "I'm going to be this Good Samaritan that buys a tractor and goes around and helps farm families plant their crops." The co-pilot asked him why wait until he retired?

Founded in 2005, Farm Rescue is a nonprofit organization whose operations rely solely on donations and volunteers, con-

tinuing to provide hope and help to family farmers in crisis. It receives support from generous sponsors and individuals, who donate money, securities, and property to the Farm Rescue Foundation.

The Zorc family is sure glad Bill Gross acted on his Good Samaritan instincts. Their son, Preston, was able to come home from college to help Mother's Day weekend, but without the Farm Rescue crew and equipment, they might not have been able to get their crops planted. The Zorcs will never forget the kindness, generosity and hard work the Farm Rescue volunteers offered.

To learn more about Farm Rescue, visit their website at www.farmrescue.org.

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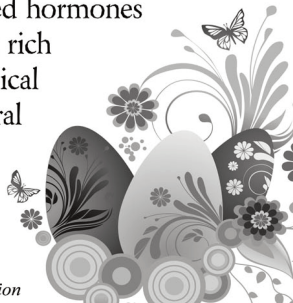
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