

Retired North Dakota farmers help others in need

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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Farm Rescue will have planted or harvested more than 300 farms for farmers in need this year. Charlie Bartsch, Louie Rothmann and Bill Krumwiede have been to about 100 of those.

The trio is part of a group of five retired farmers who have volunteered for the charity almost since its inception.

"These guys keep calling me," Krumwiede said, pointing to Bartsch and Rothmann as the culprits of his eight-year run as a volunteer.

Krumwiede, a native of Voltaire, found out about the charity in 2006 from a newspaper ad asking for volunteers. When he called, he was told they had enough volunteers that year, but he offered to help anyway, "fill a frill or whatever it takes."

Now Krumwiede runs the combine, the Bismarck Tribune (<http://bit.ly/1qjanhD>) reported.

"You can't get him out of there," Rothmann joked.

"That's the best job on the farm," Krumwiede said.

Rothmann said Krumwiede never really got farming "out of his system" and said Krumwiede has been an asset to Farm Rescue during his time there.

On Sept. 5, the three men waited in Washburn for a wheat field to dry so they could finish combining the 265 acres for John Renner.

"I prefer planting. It seems like with harvest we run into too much of this," Bartsch said referring to the wet field.

Renner had a cyst removed from his back and can't work. He managed to get the crop in by himself, but said he really was hurting.

"Three months ago I couldn't have stood here like this," he said.

Renner said he's thankful for the help from the three men who have spent several years traveling the region helping out fellow farmers unable to work.

"It's really a good program," Bartsch said.

"And it gives us an excuse to play in the dirt," Rothmann said.

"I buried a tractor in a graveyard."

"You buried one in a slough, too," Bartsch shot back. "For a while, we called him Cemetery

Louie."

"We've had our share of mishaps," Rothmann said.

"We make a little fun out of it," Krumwiede added.

Rothmann got into Farm Rescue in 2008, after a farmer working south of his hometown of Washburn was severely burned

in a combine fire the year before.

Bartsch, a former farmer and rancher from Minot, learned about Farm Rescue from another volunteer at an agriculture industry show in 2008. The volunteer gave him a number to call and the next day Bartsch was joining the ranks.

"This life has been good to me so it's a way to give back," he said.

Bartsch said not long ago he was in J.C. Penney when a little girl whose family farm in Crosby he had volunteered on came up and hugged him. He said he plans to keep helping as long as his health holds up.

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Guns
*German 22 single shot octagon barrel 1800's? 28 gauge double barrel Nobel Manufacturing Company made in Spain Winchester 25-35 lever action special order saddle ring gun model 1894 excellent condition 22 target rifle semi automatic model M-21 1 made in Argentina 16 gauge single shot lever Johnson like new Mossberg 22 bolt action rifle bad spring in oil Winchester model 1890 22 pump not in working order, parts only German 22 6 shot revolver 22 short only works well Winchester model 37 single shot 16 gauge good shape lithica 22 lever action single shot Winchester model 1200 12 gauge pump shot gun Winchester model 1897 16 gauge pump with hammer (rare, hard to find gun) Stevens model 25 favorite single shot 22 H & R 410 single shot like brand new Browning lever action 22 Power Master WHAND Manufacturing Company Crossbow with arrows 28 gauge Remington 11-48 semi automatic (rare, hard to find gun) JC Higgins model 58317 12 gauge bolt action Winchester model 42 410 pump shot gun Savage over and under 22 magnum only and 410 Winchester model 12 16 gauge pump very nice gun Marlin model 39A 22 lever action rifle lithica 22 lever action single shot Marlin 39A lever action 22 Rifle Heritage 22 6 shot revolver with mag. cylinder included never been shot, New in the box Stevens 22 single shot pistol from the end of the 1800's works well German 22 6 shot revolver ass Regular model 365 22 caliber bolt action with big scope.



Antiques & Collectables
*many old metal bottle cap openers all different brands old glass oil lamps Minneapolis Moine tractor sign large deer antlers old hog oilers old brass of lamp old large spittoon old metal sausage stuffer nice shape old tin Massey Ferguson thermometer tin John Deere rain gauge several old knick knacks and collectables 3 old antique jewelry boxes all have old jewelry in them several old rings wrist watches costume jewelry old gold rings old coins buffalo nickels wheat pennies foreign coins old tractor and machinery manuals old South Dakota Farmer magazines from the 1890's old iron magazines and others canvas hand painted Indian and cowboy paintings by Charles M. Russell other older paintings and pictures lots of IT tractor shop manuals, several hard to find originals for Ailes Chalmers, Minneapolis Moine, Oliver, John Deere, Case, Cockshutt, IH, Ford and others.

Knife Collection
*jack knives 2 very large swords some very nice knife sets wild life print sets large hunting knives jack knives of all kinds and sizes. If you collect knives don't miss out on this auction over 200 knives to choose from.

Traps & Sporting Items
*Cooper Humane trap #2, Pat Nov. 23-1926 Cooper Trap Company very rare trap several old brass and metal Winchester flashlights other old antique traps some with teeth Newhouse traps some with fat chains 2 very old antique bear traps, one with large teeth both very good condition large traps with chains Old Newhouse bear trap Lots of other traps all kinds and sizes, rat traps, fox and coon traps Coon traps

Thune reiterates concerns about rail service challenges

from the Office of U.S. Senator John Thune

WASHINGTON, D.C.— On Sept. 10, at a hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Senator John Thune

It is my hope that this hearing will continue to bring attention to the rail service backlogs that South Dakota shippers, and shippers nationwide, are currently facing, and encourage continued discussion about both short-