

Farm Rescue helps Rewald family

Submitted by Robin Rewald

Right after Memorial weekend, a trip to the doctor because he was feeling really tired and having some stomach pains was the beginning of a long road for Ron Rewald of Pettibone. After several tests and multiple doctor appointments, he was diagnosed with a malformed aortic heart valve, which was going to require open heart surgery. He was advised not to delay the surgery any longer than possible, but he wanted to bring in the crop before he had it. With advice from his doctor, he scheduled the surgery, not knowing how he was going to get the wheat in.

The following week, Ron's

wife Robin announced to some of her co-workers that Ron needed surgery and that she would be out for a couple of weeks with him, they didn't know how they were going to get the harvest done, all their friends and neighbors had their own crops to harvest and they hated to ask them for more help than they needed to. Gerald Horner, who was on the board of directors for Farm Rescue in the past, spoke up and suggested they apply, which they did.

A few weeks later, they were contacted by Joe Gross, a founder of Farm Rescue, the organization that helps farmers in need. The answer to the prayers was given;

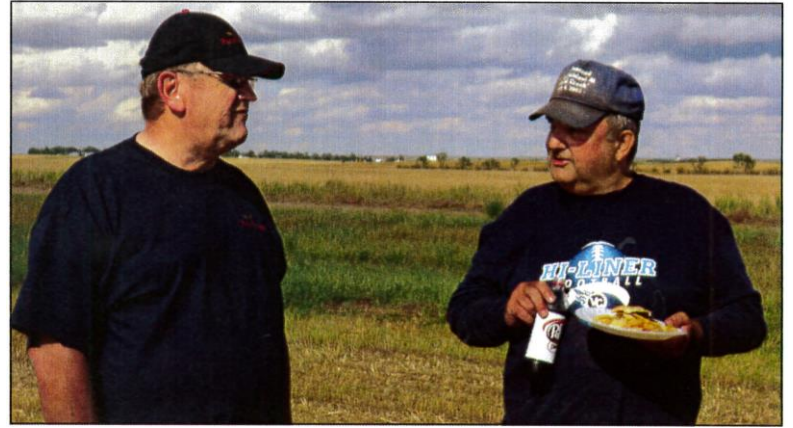
yes, they would help.

Saturday, August 8, a large John Deere combine, donated by RDO Equipment, baler, semi-truck and 10 volunteers showed up at the Rewald farm, just north of Pettibone. The volunteers came from Iowa, New Mexico, Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota and Texas with kind hearts and giving hands of help. The Rewald's son Joe was home to help supervise and drive another semi borrowed from Ron's brother, Tom Rewald of Woodworth.

The wheat was gathered off the fields in short order, and four days later, the volunteers were off to help other farmers that were in need. This program is a Godsend to farmers that have suffered either medically or by a catastrophic event that prevents them from planting or harvesting their crops.

Farm Rescue is one of the great programs out there that can help farmers out, and the people that give their time are so valuable to the organization. Ron and Robin are grateful for the help, the wonderful people that they met during this difficult time and all the blessings that they received from this experience. They did not know when this adventure started how many truly great people there are out there and they got to meet a bunch of them.

If you want more info on Farm Rescue, just google them. You will find out how far-reaching their touch is. What a great organization! Think about supporting them or just lending a hand if the occasion ever arises for you; you won't be sorry.



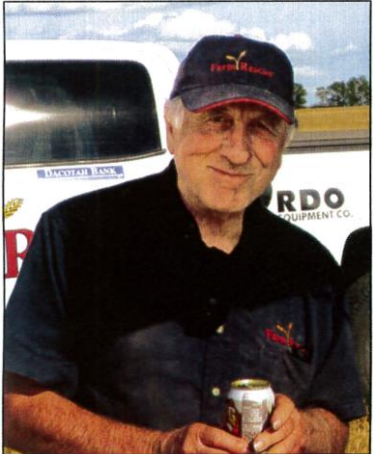
Ron visits with Terry of Valley City, one of the volunteers



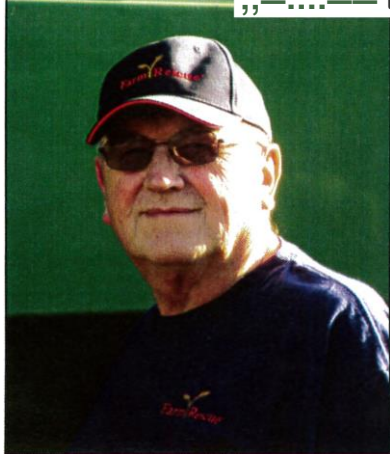
This tractor and baler were very much appreciated by the Ron.



Farm Rescue is such a wonderful program for farmers in need.



Wayland from New Mexico, one of the volunteers



Ron Rewald



Standing ready to haul the wheat



The Farm Rescue combine got the wheat off in short order.

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