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The 2014 Fleischkuechle Fundraiser will be held August 2 at 11 a.m. at Hazen Bay. Submitted photo

Fleischkuechle fundraiser happening at Hazen Bay

BY LEE COLEMAN

In any town, people love fundraisers where food is involved.

And that will be the case August 2 when, in conjunction with the Buffalo Valley Archers Outdoor Archery Shoot, a fleischkuechle fundraiser will be held at the Hazen Bay Convenience Store from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. to raise

money to plant trees around Hazen Bay.

But that's not all. The archery club will hold a 25-target, 2.5 mile competition amongst the rolling hills at Hazen Bay.

From 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Jordan Eslinger and Bronson Heid of Northern Light from Beulah will perform their own style of folk music at the

Bay. Northern Light performed at the Hazen 'Music in the Park' summer concert series earlier in the summer before bad weather forced stoppage of the show midway through the one-hour set.

"These fundraisers are popular in our area," said organizer Carla Borlaug, co-owner of the Hazen Bay C-Store. "People enjoy them and come

out to support the fundraisers people are doing. This fundraiser is to help raise the money to plant trees out at Hazen Bay."

Two years ago, the Borlaugs organized a fleischkuechle fundraiser to raise money for playground equip-

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Farm Rescue makes a difference in Hazen



Submitted photo

Bill Gross founded Farm Rescue in 2005 and the program has helped 285 farm families since 2006 in five states with nearly 70 percent of the families from North Dakota.

BY LEE COLEMAN

The day was March 28 of this year. Hazen cattle rancher Kenny Forster was riding an all terrain vehicle as he worked on the fences around his ranch.

Without warning, that day became a day Forster will never forget.

With fencing piled on the back of his ATV, Forster inadvertently drove the vehicle off a nine-foot cliff. Trying to step off as soon as he realized his mistake, his foot was caught in either the fencing or some wire and he was unable to get out of harm's way.

The ATV tumbled end-over-end, landing on top of Forster at least twice.

For two hours, he lay there without any help, with 18 broken ribs in the front and back, a broken collarbone and two collapsed lungs. The broken ribs pierced his lungs, causing massive bleeding.

Once help arrived, he was stabilized at Sakakawea Medical Center and airlifted to Bismarck. At the hospital, he was induced into a three-week coma and administered 12 units of blood in the process.

Doctors said his physical conditioning and not being a smoker likely saved his life while he was in the hospital for 48 days.

Fast forward to today. With 250 head of Red Angus cattle to be fed, Forster received the help he needed with his hay crops from Farm Rescue in conjunction with RDO Equipment.

RDO donated the equipment for haying and Farm Rescue provided volunteers to harvest 1,000 bales of hay for the Forster ranch. The haying concluded Monday.

"Farm Rescue really helped me out," said Forster. "They helped me get caught up. They were a godsend. So many volunteers helped me out. They were very helpful and very accommodating. I could have eventually got it done but I would

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ment at Hazen Bay and raised nearly \$5,000 dollars for the cause.

"Now that the playgrounds are done, the park is in need of trees out there," said Borlaug. "The park has been there for quite a few years but the older trees are dying and they need to be replaced.

"They have added some new campsites and they don't have any trees. They need the trees so campers will have some shade."

In addition to the fundraiser, Hazen Bay collects donations for firewood out at the

popular campground.

"All of the money we raise goes into a fund to pay for whatever project we're working on that year."

Borlaug said she is expecting a big crowd for the archery shoot, not to mention campers in the park and fishermen who will be on the water.

"There will be a lot of extra people out at Hazen Bay we hope will come eat with us," Borlaug said.

Borlaug's husband Steve said he is excited about this year's event.

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"I think this year will be a lot more fun," Steve said. "We have a great band coming in and I'm thinking this year will be the biggest crowd we've ever had. It is an event people enjoy, and I think this year will be something else."

The Borlaugs and all the other volunteers for the event have worked tirelessly to put the fundraiser together.

"We never get tired of volunteering," Carla said. "I love to be out in public and help make Hazen a better place."

Rescue

have lost the quality in my hay. I am truly grateful for what they did. They were a tremendous help."

Farm Rescue has been helping farmers in need since 2006.

"I always tell people Farm Rescue was created as an avenue for businesses and farm families," said Founder and CEO Bill Gross. "We plant, harvest, and hay crops for families that have had a major illness or a natural disaster."

Gross said Farm Rescue has helped 285 families since 2006, and 70 percent of those families are from North Dakota. The program has also helped families in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana.

RDO Equipment has been a huge sponsor of the program, loaning out whatever kind of equipment is needed to help

a family.

"It is a mission of mercy," said RDO General Manager Todd Thompson. "We are taking a very proud, self-supporting part of America and giving them help they don't want to ask for. It is very hard on them. We provide a way for them to ask for help in a very dignified way.

"They would rather help others than take help. So many people that have been helped are now volunteers."

Haying is new to Farm Rescue this year, and Thompson said it is great for Farm Rescue to reach out and help.

"It is people helping people with support and humility," he explained. "They are looking for humility and respect and Farm Rescue sums it up.

"We are very honored to be the equipment provider for Farm Rescue. It is about the

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ability to help Farm Rescue provide a service that grows every year."

It takes a team to help a family, and Gross said Farm Rescue would not exist without volunteers.

"We could not operate without the volunteers," he explained. "They are giving and compassionate. It is a wonderful thing. They have been an inspiration to me. We are doing our part to help these families out. The intangible in all of this is it helps future generations have new farm families out there.

"It is a good thing for Farm Rescue to help and donate." Just ask Kenny Forster.

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Gracie, left, a 3 year old yellow lab



Pete, right, a six year old chocolate lab, enjoy a day at the lake with their owners Mandy Giem and Shane Shefstad of Williston.



This cute girl is Tren, a five-year old Corgi and Blue Heeler mix. She is the official Camp Host out at Hazen Bay and is owned by Meg Jordan.