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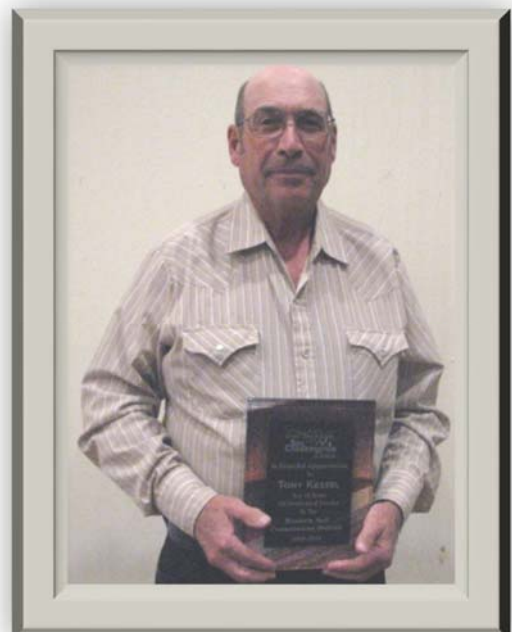
“Assisting Residents of Stark and Billings Counties”

2014 Annual Report

Assistance is available without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.



Dennis Reich received an award for 21 years of dedicated service to the Central Stark Soil Conservation District from (1993—2014). Dennis retired his position on the Board in 2014. Thank you Dennis!



Tony Kessel received an award for 14 years of dedicated Service to the Western Soil Conservation District from (2000-2014). Tony retired his position on the Board in 2014. Thank you Tony!

***Central Stark Soil Conservation District
2014 Overall Achievement Winners***

***SCHMALENBERGERS
Jason, Stacy, Zachary & Zayden***



Jason & Stacy Schmalenberger, of Hebron ND have been awarded the 2014 Achievement Award by the Central Stark Soil Conservation District. The Schmalenbergers were selected for implementing changes to improve the environment and natural resources as well as their farm-

ing and ranching operation. These include the installation of an ag waste management system permitted for feeder calves and bred heifers and a spill prevention containment facility for on farm fuel and oil. The Schmalenbergers' have planted farmstead and feedlot windbreaks and have incorporated a no-till conservation cropping system with spring wheat, winter wheat, corn and sunflowers.



***Western Soil Conservation District
2014 Overall Achievement Winners***

***RIDL FARMS
Keith, Joe, Art & Kurt***



The Western Soil Conservation District has selected *Ridl Farms* as their 2014 Achievement Award Winner for their diverse farming/ranching operation. Arthur, Kurt, Keith and Joe Ridl operate the 3rd generation family farm North of Dickinson. Ridl Farms have a registered Angus cow-calf herd and hold an annual Angus bull test sale every spring. The

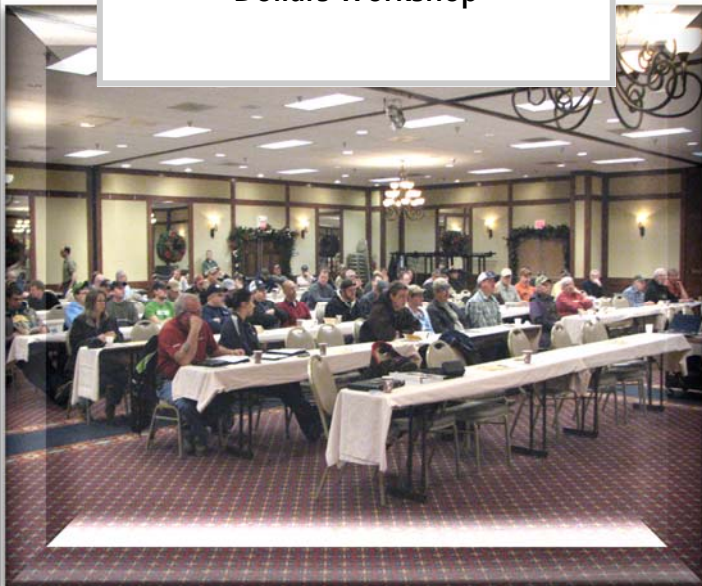


Ridl's have been members of the ND Angus Association Bull Test for 28 years. They have a custom feeding operation where they finish Holstein steers. Ridls utilize zero tillage and have a crop rotation of wheat, corn and sunflowers, along with occasional canola, flax and barley. They have utilized tree renovation and tree planting to enhance areas around their property. When asked if they have assigned duties, the reply was that Art

is the bookkeeper because his dad, Art senior, told him to; Kurt does the spraying, bin sites and trucking, Keith and Art both do the seeding and combining and Joe; Art's son, is their mechanic and they all work with the cattle.



18th Annual Diversity, Direction & Dollars Workshop



The **DDD Workshop** was held on January 14, 2014. Over 100 Producers attended the annual Diversity, Direction and Dollars. Speakers included: John Nowatzki a Machine Systems Specialist, Jolene

Brown a spokesperson for the people of agriculture, Emmett Lampert an Agronomist and Mike Renner as emcee.



YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS



The Districts participated in the “**Make a Splash**” Water Festival held in September. The 5th grade students were shown the ground water model and the infiltration rate of water by Jon Stika and his wife Eve. Bob Klein and Bonnie Twogood demonstrated the surface water model and what happens after a rain storm.



SOILS TUNNEL



The Office staff presents the Soils Tunnel at the Kids Day At The Farm in April. Kids can view the world below the ground. With the aid of a flashlight, children can crawl through the tunnel and encounter numerous soil related images on the walls.

TREES (The Regional Environmental Education Series)



Tom Gibson presents educational programs to grade schools in the area.

Sam Ting on the left shows the adaptations of an otter.

Darin Ewe on the right is the game show host of Common Cents.





Our tree planting crews machine planted over 208,000 linear feet of trees in Stark and Billings Counties. The crews included Marvin Haugland, Rocky Hushka, Jen O'brigewitch, Danielle O'Donnell, Ethan Keller, Tracie O'Donnell, and Sharon Haugland.



Our weed barrier crew applied closed to 271,000 feet of black fabric in Stark, Billings and Dunn Counties. The Crew included Ethan Keller, Danielle O'Donnell, Kurtis Fickle, Korey Fickle, Brody Egberg, Robert Walch and Bob Klein.



Wallace & Robert Wock
with the **TREE AWARD** from Western SCD

**AWARD
WINNERS!**



Bonnie Twogood & Bob Klein
with a **Tree Promotion Award**
from Western & Central Stark SCD



Joey & Jennifer Kessel
with the **RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD**
from Western SCD with Coy & Cord



Jay & Heidi Krank
with the **GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT AWARD** from Central Stark SCD
with Jayne, Kyler, Mariska, Colten and Lynn Geving.

Mike & Patty Erdle
with the
SOIL HEALTH AWARD
from Central Stark SCD





Dennis & Donna Reich

Dennis Reich received the 2014 Layperson Award from the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Dennis has been living off the land since he was born. His experiences, good and bad, led him to learn from the land. His board involvement has made him a leader by example, with an understanding of how the soil conservation policy would translate into actual practice. He is a valuable source of real world knowledge to the boards and communities he served.

**Western
Soil Conservation District
Supervisor**



Roger Klym is the newly elected board member for the Western Soil Conservation District. He lives on a farm/ ranch Northwest of Fairfield.

**Central Stark
Soil Conservation District
Supervisors**



Dean Baar is the newly elected board member for the Central Stark Soil Conservation District. He lives on a farm/ranch South of Gladstone.



Jay Krank was just recently appointed to the Central Stark Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He lives on a farm/ ranch West of Taylor .