



GROW

Edition II

Summer/Fall 2018

Neu Way Farms will be faithful stewards of the land, embracing innovation while raising up each generation to farm with integrity and reliability.



Neu News

The Season in Review

Planting was delayed this year, as winter just didn't know when to quit. Our foreign workers arrived in mid-April, which gave us time to prepare equipment until planting began in early May. We added a second planter, to plant soybeans in narrower rows to help reduce seed costs. We also updated combines, trading our 2 JD S680's for 2 Claas 760TT's, which is a bit of a color change for us.

This off season we attended our MD (management development) peer group in December. We met in Yuma, Arizona where we visited Four Little Devils Farms which mainly grows vegetables. We enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with others from the group, share experiences and complete some additional training. In March, the group met at the Family Farms headquarters in Brighton, Illinois. This session had more of a financial emphasis to it. We had a great time visiting with our group peers, while continuing our education.

In March and April, Lisa had the opportunity to participate in "Annie's Project". Annie's Project is a six-session weekly meeting of farm management programs for women, designed to empower them to be better business partners on farms or ranches.

Jakob participated in an internship at a local agronomy

center for the summer and has one more semester to complete his Crop and Weed Science degree at NDSU. He will graduate this December. Jakob works part-time on campus in the Barley Breeding Research Center. He also lends a hand on the farm whenever he can.

Kendra is also a senior at NDSU this fall. She is an Art major with an emphasis in Graphic Design and a minor in Strategic Communication. Kendra spent the summer in Fargo, working at the campus bookstore and as a street teamer for a local radio station. She stays involved in our farm operation by contributing to the design of our newsletters and website.

Anthony Neu



In the Air

With technology advancing, capturing aspects of the farming process has become easier. Recently, we received a drone from Peterson Farms Seed. With the new technology we are able to capture videos and pictures from the air. Learning how to operate the new equipment has been an exciting process. Keep an eye out for a video in the near future.



“It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn”

Landowner Spotlight

Leona V. Neu was born, twelve miles east of Ashley on May 7, 1925 to Jacob and Marie Woeszner. She attended country school until age thirteen, graduating the eighth grade. After graduation, she worked on the family farm and babysat for neighborhood families.

On October 29, 1944 she was united in marriage to Herbert Neu. They made their home on the Neu farmstead one mile west and one mile north of Ashley. Leona and Herbert worked together to make their farm successful. Their farm operation was diverse, raising beef cattle and chickens, milking cows, and growing wheat and other small grains. Along with raising a family, Leona was active as church financial secretary for nearly twenty years, a church council member, and a member of the district executive board of church women.

In 1967, Herbert and Leona moved into a new home built by Leona's father, Jacob, in Ashley. Their son Jarrod and wife Karen, moved onto the farm.

Leona was a member of Sunshine Homemakers club for 45 years and was the recipient of the first State Heart



award. She also baked and decorated cakes, making her first wedding cake in October of 1960. She made approximately 140 wedding cakes, delivering as far as Moorhead, MN. Leona made her last wedding cake for her grandson, Daniel, in 1995. She also made many birthday and anniversary cakes during this time, delivering one as far as Wichita, KS for her sister-in-law.

Her skill as a seamstress was widely



known. She created over forty wedding gowns and many more bridesmaid dresses. Her skills produced many gowns and outfits worn

by the Ashley Centennial Choir and cast members of the pageant in 1988.

Leona also enjoys gardening and is an active member of both the Ashley Senior Citizens and Zion Lutheran Church. She enjoys socializing with friends and playing games and cards.

In 2005, she and her daughter Rachel, built a duplex on main street in Ashley where she resides today. The office of Neu Way Farms occupies the adjoining unit.



Leona Neu

MD Peer Group

We have been members of the Management Development Peer Group, led by Dave Bryden and Jim Raftis from Family Farms Group, for about 2 years. Being a part of this group of farmers from around the Midwest has allowed us to sharpen our business skills with workshop topics that include: culture in the work place, goal setting, and time and financial management. Each meeting is held at a member's farm which allows us to get to know each other's operations better and learn from each other. In August, the group came to Ashley. We began the meeting with a time of catching up on "New and Noteworthy" items about our operations and personal life. The agenda for the two-day event also included "Safety in Leadership" presented by special guest speaker Don Tyler, "Leadership and Management Styles" led by Dave Bryden, "CEO's Thoughts on Leadership" led by Family Farms CEO Shari Rogge-Fidler and a presentation from Sam Bachman of Family Farms on analyzing financial data. This was followed by a Claas combine field demo and a tour of our farm and grain facility. We have found great value in participating in peer groups. By sharing and learning from each other, we become better farm operators and improve our business decisions.

Notes

Welcome

Jacob and Christine Fannik welcomed Ella Rose to their family on August 9th. Proud grandparents are Scott and Carrie Wanner. Scott is our long-time crop consultant.

In Loving Memory

D. Thomas Fischer (June 12, 1940 - January 3, 2018)