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**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
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Local Horseman Offers Training Clinic to Youth

Area youth will have a great opportunity to learn horsemanship skills from one of the very best horse trainers in the region. John Hovde, Epping, is offering a five week Horsemanship Clinic beginning on Tuesday, May 18, 6 p.m. Weekly progressive sessions are scheduled May 25, June 1, 8, and 15 at the MT Saddle Club Arena. Each session will end around 8 p.m.

John recognizes that both rider and horses are at different skill levels. So, he tries hard to match his clinics to the abilities of individual participants and their mount. He offers to have other skilled horsemen available to assist with instructions.

John emphasizes the art of communicating and learning how to understand the body language of the horse through the development of trust and respect. He generally starts his clinics by demonstrating how the rider can easily control the forward, backward and lateral movements of the horse.

John is offering the clinics free of charge to any youth interested in developing their equine skills. However, he asks the youth to pre-register through the Williams County NDSU Extension Office 701-577-4595.

Ag Transportation Handbook

Thanks to the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU, North Dakota Soybean Council, North Dakota Corn Council, North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota State Patrol I recently received a few copies of a handy-dandy transportation handbook which describes state and federal statutes, rules and exemptions for the agricultural industry. If you would like a copy just give us a call at 701-577-4595.

The handbook addresses anhydrous ammonia transportation, health card, height-weight-width-length limitations, hours of service, inspections, permits, licensing-accessories and implements of husbandry.

Project Safe Send Dates and Locations Announced

July 8 at Watford City is the nearest date and location for this year's Project Safe Send. This is a program deemed to help farmers and the general public get rid of unusable pesticides safely and legally.

The program administered by the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, accepts any pesticides that are old, unusable or banned. The program is open to the public, including farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers, applicators, government agencies and homeowners.

Project Safe Send is funded through fees by pesticide manufacturers who register their products in North Dakota.

Other collection sites in northwest North Dakota are Crosby (July 9) and Minot (July 12). Questions relating to Project Safe Send can be directed to Jessica Johnson at North Dakota Department of Agriculture (800) 242-7535.