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Media Release

Bruce MacIntyre to Receive Ag Excellence Award during 2017 Ag Appreciate Banquet

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Billings, MT, December 5, 2016: In a short, surprise ceremony this morning, the Billings Chamber 2017 Award for Agricultural Excellence honoree was announced as our very own Bruce MacIntyre. This award is presented to an individual, organization or family who made a significant impact in the local ag industry. MacIntyre, one of the Chamber's liaisons to the Ag Committee, was selected by the members of the 40 member volunteer committee for his dedication to the industry.

Taylor Brown, state legislator and Ag Committee member, during the ceremony stated, "Bruce, you've done so much for the ag community legislatively. The Chamber's attention to agriculture is so much better now than it was 20 years ago. We appreciate what you've done for us."

Courtney Kibblewhite, vice chair of the committee, summarized the selection of MacIntyre, "We in the ag community need a conduit between city people and ag people. You are critical to us as that person."

MacIntyre notes his awareness and appreciation for agriculture. "When I was in the automobile business years ago, agriculture dictated my success. If ag was good, I sold a lot of cars; when ag wasn't good, I had too much inventory. I've always known just how important ag is around here."

MacIntyre will receive the award during the 2017 Ag Appreciation Banquet presented by the Billings Chamber of Commerce and Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative. The event, featuring Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band, will be held Friday, January 20, 2017 in the Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event includes a cocktail hour, prime rib dinner, dancing, prizes and the Agricultural Excellence Award presentation.

The purpose of the annual Ag Appreciation Banquet is to honor and give thanks to farmers and ranchers for their contribution to and hard work supporting Montana's number one industry. Additionally, it celebrates the connection and importance of business and agriculture in Billings. The banquet is put together by the Chamber's Ag Committee, a group of in-the-trenches agricultural enthusiasts who work within the ag community year 'round. This committee is also responsible for pancake breakfast events throughout the year at various ag related community events.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through the MetraPark Box Office. Learn more here:
<http://www.billingschamber.com/events/ag-appreciation-banquet/>

More about Bruce MacIntyre: Bruce MacIntyre is a third-generation Montanan and native of Billings. He was in the family automobile business for 25 years with the final 14 as owner and operator of MacIntyre Motor Company. Following the sale of his business in 1983, Bruce was general manager of Briarwood Subdivision for 15 years, and was business manager of Masterlube for 3 years. Bruce also is a past Chair of the Montana Auto Dealers and

Montana Taxpayers Associations, and former Board member of MetraPark. As a member of these and other various organizations, Bruce has been involved with the political process in Billings in particular and Montana in general. Bruce works with all levels of Local, State and Federal government, as well as with the general membership of the Chamber.

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