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Media Release

Darren Miller Receives the Ag Excellence Award at the 2015 Ag Appreciation Banquet, Friday

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Billings, MT, January 14, 2015: The Billings Chamber of Commerce and Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative present the 2015 Ag Appreciation Banquet featuring the Doo Wah Riders this Friday, January 16, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana Convention Center from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event will be emceed by Russel Nemitz and Ed Macintosh and includes a cocktail hour, prime rib dinner, dancing, and prizes.

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. The banquet is put together by the Chamber's Ag Committee, a group of in-the-trenches agricultural enthusiasts who want to celebrate the ag community year round. This committee is also responsible for pancake breakfast events throughout the year at various ag related community events.

The Billings Chamber 2015 Roche Jaune Award for Agricultural Excellence award will also be presented to Darren Miller. This award is presented to an individual, organization or family who made a significant impact in the local ag industry.

More about Darren Miller: Miller, a native Montanan, grew up in Yellowstone County among the agriculture community. He lives and works the farm land that he was born on, making him the fourth generation and in 2017 the farm will celebrate its 100th year. Selected for his innovative work, though not alone in our community, Millers' work testing plots has helped other farmers to identify new varieties of corn that work well in this area. Miller's work ethic, respect of the land and livestock, dedication to his family, sense of humor and selfless attitude are what set him apart from others. The community benefits from his willingness to try new farming methods and through his focus on the importance of giving back. Miller serves as a member of the Big Ditch board, is President of Cole's Western Wishes and often is found around Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch passing along his knowledge of farming to the next generation.

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