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## Sow Farm Location: Advancing the Next Generation of PRRS Biosecurity

The modern sow farm is not simply a breeding unit. It is a biological distribution center. When a sow farm becomes infected with PRRS, the consequences extend far beyond the farm itself. Infected pigs are transported across counties, states, and production systems, creating a residual effect that can persist long after the initial outbreak.

[Learn more with Dr. Spencer Wayne](#)  
[Veterinarian](#)



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Last week, some of our team members volunteered at The Banquet in Sioux Falls – they were able to serve supper to over 280 people!

The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry that serves 16 free, nourishing community meals weekly across two locations. It relies entirely on community volunteers to fund, prepare, and serve, creating a welcoming atmosphere where guests are fed both body and soul.



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# Be WELL

## Have You Completed Your 2026 Preventive Annual Exam?

**Don't Miss Out on Your Wellness Rate!**

To qualify for the reduced Wellness Rate, you and your enrolled dependents must complete your Preventive Annual Exam by December 31, 2026.



### What You Need To Do

- ✓ Schedule your annual preventive exam with your doctor
- ✓ Make sure you and your covered dependents complete the exam
- ✓ Complete your exam no later than December 31, 2026

**DEADLINE**

**DEC 31,  
2026**

Not sure if you've completed your exam? Check with your healthcare provider to confirm whether you have completed your 2026 preventive annual exam.

**Take care of your health. Save on your benefits.**

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Complete your preventive annual exam today!

Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson [Sarah.Johnson@Pipestone.com](mailto:Sarah.Johnson@Pipestone.com) or Angie Vasquez [Angelica.Vasquez@pipestone.com](mailto:Angelica.Vasquez@pipestone.com)

## Shoes for Shortiez



Helped provide new shoes for children from low-income families at the start of the new school year. Thanks to everyone who helped donate a new pair of shoes!

## Kidsville Early Learning Center



Helped support efforts to upgrade playground equipment, creating a safe outdoor environment for children to learn and play.

**GiVE**

We're grateful for the opportunity to give back through GiVE and partner with organizations and events that are making a real impact every day!

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# Please Review Your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)

A quick guide to checking your medical claims and updating Coordination of Benefits

## Why this matters

Please make sure you are reviewing your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) for your medical claims. If your medical bill does not look accurate, you may have a Coordination of Benefits (COB) issue.

## What is a Coordination of Benefits (COB) issue?

This can happen when Blue Cross Blue Shield needs information about other health coverage you may have.

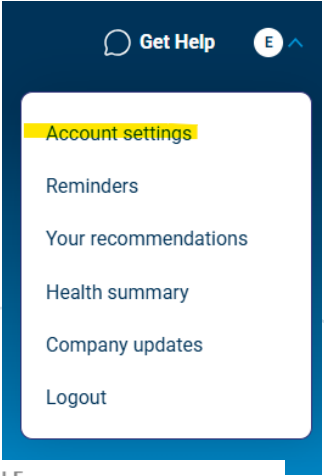
## IMPORTANT

If the COB information is not updated or verified, your medical claims may be denied.

## How to Check Your COB Information

- 1 Log in and select “Account settings.”
- 2 Under Profile, choose “Name and address.”
- 3 On the left side, under Profile, choose “Other Insurance.”

Visit: [www.bluecrossmn.com](http://www.bluecrossmn.com)



PROFILE

 Name and address

### Profile

Member Details

Login & Security

Contact Preferences

Other Insurance

**Pipestone is proud to welcome our newest talent.**

**Please say hello to new team members, hired 9/8/26 – 9/14/26.**

**Hugo A Velazquez Ruiz : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at SCOUTS LIVESTOCK LLC**

**Sergio Rangel : SWINE TECH at AVALANCHE PORK LLC FARM 6**

**Leslie L Acosta-Martinez : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at SOUTHWEST PORK LLC**

**Guadalupe Lopez Isidoro : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at SCOUTS LIVESTOCK LLC**

**Juan O De La Cruz Lopez : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at HEXAGON SOW BARN**

**Ana M Vazquez Castro : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at SCOUTS LIVESTOCK LLC**

**Ramon Castro Diaz : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at JACKRABBIT FAMILY PORK**

**Daniel Lopez Perez : FARM TEAM SWINE TECH at WALK STOCK FARM INC**

**Rosalia Santiago Martin : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at BLUE STEM LIVESTOCK**

**Esthela D Galicia Rodriguez : PIPESTONE EMERGING LEADER at BLUE STEM LIVESTOCK**

**Christian R Lipe : SWINE TECH at SOW COUNTRY LLC**

**Jorge Tena : SWINE TECH at SITE E**

**Paola Lucero : SWINE TECH at AVALANCHE PORK LLC FARM 2**

**Nathan K Hurtado : SWINE TECH at INDEPENDENCE LIVESTOCK**

**Teofila Diaz Osorio : SWINE TECH at KINGSTON PORK LLC**

**Arianna D Ludewig : ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK at PIPESTONE MANAGEMENT**

**Victoria Gonzales Martines : SWINE TECH at BIG SIOUX PORK**

**Efrain Marcos Bautista : FARM TEAM SWINE TECH at PIPESTONE BUSINESS SERVICES**

**Yasser M Flores : SWINE TECH at KINGSTON PORK LLC**



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# CAREER

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Ag Ventilation Construction Engineer  
Bilingual Immigration Coordinator  
Bilingual Onboarding Trainer  
Bilingual Safety Specialist  
Delivery Specialist (CDL Driver)  
Feed Mill Driver  
Feed Mill Operator (PT)  
Grow Finish Production Manager  
HR Generalist  
Human Resource Recruiting Supervisor  
Invoicing Logistics Coordinator  
IT Service Desk Lead  
IT Technical Project Manager  
Maintenance Shop Technician  
Order Fulfillment-Sioux Falls Warehouse  
Part-Time Feed Mill Driver  
Power Washer

Swine Technician  
Pipestone Emerging Leader  
Gilt Developer Unit Lead  
Gestation Lead  
Farrowing Lead  
Site Manager  
Front End Specialist  
Regional Support Specialist  
Sow Farm Coordinator  
Pressure Washer Service Technician  
Senior Swine Production Consultant  
Swine Market Selection Technician  
Swine Veterinarian  
Veterinary Physician Assistant

# OPPORTUNITIES

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**WEDNESDAY**

**9/23**

**Dante Trejo Rubio** Blue  
Stem Livestock

**Garrett Hoium**  
IT

**Jesus Velazquez  
Martinez**  
Pipestone Business-  
FarmTeam

**Manuel Avina**  
MTM Farms

**Rodrigo Tequihuactle  
Sanchez**  
Dylbrook Gilts

**Scot Carstensen**  
Pipestone Transport

**Victor Cereceres**  
Turtle River Farms

**THURSDAY**

**9/24**

**Estefany Nava  
Archundia**  
Sow Country

**Jim Marzolf**  
Pipestone Business  
Services

**Lynn Wiltfang**  
PVS Rensselaer

**Ma Yebra Villegas**  
Independence Livestock

**Shenoa Farmer**  
Pipestone Vet Services

**Steven Feuerbach**  
PVS Bethany

**FRIDAY**

**9/25**

**Alberto Barrera Alcaide**  
New Era

**Brittany Hansen**  
Pipestone Applied  
Research

**Jairo Rivas Jarquin**  
Dry Lake Farms

**Mario De Ridder**  
SITE A

**Roberto Garcia  
Hernandez**  
Jayhawk Pork

**Troy Arens**  
Pipestone Nutrition

**SATURDAY**

**9/26**

**Adriana Moreno**  
Pipestone  
Management

**Cesar Cortes Ortiz**  
Goose Lake 3

**Joseph Ward** Pipestone  
Business Services

**Natalee Judson**  
Pipestone Vet Services

**Bob Kampshoff**  
Pipestone  
Management

**Saul Jimenez Navarro**  
Cougar Run I

**SUNDAY**

**9/27**

**Lia Rodriguez Sabido**  
Jayhawk Pork

**Maritza Rodrigues  
Maldonado**  
Four Corners Farms

**Yoana Bustillos** Cougar  
Run I

**MONDAY**

**9/28**

**Christo Greeff** Repairs  
& Maintenance

**Gabriela Posada  
Barrera**  
Jackrabbit Family Pork

**Kourtney Dekker**  
Pipestone Business  
Services

**Medardo Fajardo  
Rodriguez**  
MTM Farms

**Miguel Perez Perez**  
Pipestone Business-  
FarmTeam

**Monte Hickman**  
Pipestone Nutrition

**TUESDAY**

**9/29**

**Anselmo Herrera** New  
Era

**Elidiomar Pena**  
Calumet Farms 2

**Luis Rodriguez  
Hernandez**  
Flyway Farms

**Maricruz Ramos  
Martinez**  
Dylbrook Gilts

**Marili Pelaez**  
Dakota Superior Gilts

**Miguel Acevedo  
Dorador**  
Turtle River Farms

**Miguel Castellano  
Silva**  
Scouts Livestock

**Veronica Huerta  
Quiroz**  
Pipestone Business-  
FarmTeam

# WORK ANNIVERSARIES

| NAME                       | START DATE | YEARS | LOCATION                      | TITLE                           |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Trent Jewell               | 9/26/2013  | 13    | Nokomis Farms                 | Site Manager                    |
| Erin Little                | 9/25/2015  | 11    | Pipestone Business -FarmStats | Director of FarmStats           |
| Alberto Barrera Alcaide    | 9/27/2017  | 9     | New Era                       | Gestation Lead                  |
| Melisa Van Dyke            | 9/23/2019  | 7     | Pipestone Management          | Accounts Receivable Clerk       |
| Rachelle Backer            | 9/23/2019  | 7     | Pipestone Management          | Accounts Payable Manager        |
| Alejo Hernandez Hernandez  | 9/23/2020  | 6     | Pipestone Business-FarmTeam   | Farm Team Swine Tech            |
| Marcos Reyes Jacinto       | 9/23/2020  | 6     | Hillcrest Pork                | Gestation Lead                  |
| Elvia Joaquin Cruz         | 9/24/2021  | 5     | Pipestone Management          | Pipestone Emerging Leader       |
| Samanta Sanchez Perez      | 9/24/2021  | 5     | S & S Farms                   | Gilt Developer Unit Lead        |
| Christa Gott               | 9/26/2022  | 4     | PVS Rensselaer                | Customer Service Representative |
| Nathan Van Dyken           | 9/26/2022  | 4     | System Services               | IT Lead Developer               |
| Antelma Lopez Cardenas     | 9/27/2023  | 3     | Husky Farms                   | Gilt Developer Unit Lead        |
| Dorian Gonzalez Garcia     | 9/25/2023  | 3     | Four Corners Farms            | Swine Tech                      |
| Luis Rodriguez Hernandez   | 9/26/2023  | 3     | Flyway Farms                  | Front End Specialist            |
| Marisela Jimenez Telesforo | 9/27/2023  | 3     | Husky Farms                   | Pipestone Emerging Leader       |
| Oscar Moran Hernandez      | 9/26/2023  | 3     | Flyway Farms                  | Gilt Developer Unit Lead        |



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| Ramiro Mocinos Ortiz       | 9/28/2023  | 3     | Pipestone Business-FarmTeam  | Farm Team Swine Tech          |
| Suheil Del Razo Hernandez  | 9/29/2023  | 3     | Turtle River Farms           | Pipestone Emerging Leader     |
| David Lopez Rios           | 9/23/2024  | 2     | Independence Livestock       | Swine Tech                    |
| Kennedy Kavanaugh          | 9/26/2024  | 2     | Pipestone Business-FarmStats | Data Entry Clerk              |
| Rosa Gomez Rosado          | 9/24/2024  | 2     | New Era                      | Farrowing Lead                |
| Vianney Delsordo Velazquez | 9/24/2024  | 2     | New Era                      | Pipestone Emerging Leader     |
| Alaina Johnson             | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Pipestone Applied Research   | Swine Tech PAR                |
| Dayra Vera Morteo          | 9/23/2025  | 1     | Scouts Livestock             | Pipestone Emerging Leader     |
| Kara Enemark               | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Finance                      | Accountant                    |
| Lilia Cahuich Tzuc         | 9/23/2025  | 1     | Scouts Livestock             | Pipestone Emerging Leader     |
| Marco Villarruel Osornio   | 9/25/2025  | 1     | Strobel Farms West           | Filter Compliance Tech        |
| Mario Flores Muniz         | 9/26/2025  | 1     | Sow Country                  | Swine Tech                    |
| Marlon Hernandez           | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Bobcat Farms                 | Swine Tech                    |
| Meleisha Vos               | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Pipestone Vet Services       | Swine Resource Representative |
| Ntonhle Shamaine Sibitane  | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Academy Pork                 | Swine Tech                    |
| Verali Contreras           | 9/29/2025  | 1     | Bobcat Farms                 | Swine Tech                    |



# Ag Trivia

submit your  
answer here



What is the average number of bushels of  
corn one acre produces?

Good Vibes Corner!

“The positive thinker sees the invisible,  
feels the intangible, and achieves the  
impossible.”

From last week:

What two major crops are commonly harvest in the Midwest during the fall?

**Winner & Answer: Corn & Soybeans – Geri Wohltman**

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